

RED OAK PUBLIC LIBRARY—CARNEGIE BUILDING

FIFTH REPORT

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

To Honorable B. F. Carroll, Governor of Iowa:

In compliance with Section 2888-f, Chapter 18-A, Supplement to the Code of Iowa, I herewith transmit the fifth report of the Iowa Library Commission for the biennial period, July 1, 1908, to June 30, 1910.

ALICE S. TYLER,
Secretary Iowa Library Commission.

IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION.

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IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION

STATE OF IOWA

The extension of library facilities to all the people of the state is the aim and purpose of this Commission. Its energies and activities are far-reaching, being devoted to the extension of library facilities throughout the entire state, rather than the building up of a localized central institution. In other words it is a centrifugal force, tending from the center, in the library work carried on by the state, rather than centripetal. The necessity for a strong central (Reference) library, where students and readers may come with assurance that a large and choice collection of the literature of subjects may be found on the shelves and available for research and study, is evident; this has been provided in the admirable State (Reference) Library, which is under the management of an ex-officio state Library Board.

The Library Commission, on the other hand, directs the extension work throughout the state, encouraging and aiding communities to provide local public collections of books for the free use of all the people, under the provisions of the State law; struggling libraries are encouraged and fostered; higher standards of book selection are encouraged and the service that libraries may render communities, in the making of more intelligent citizens, is emphasized. At the same time small towns and country neighborhoods that for financial reasons, cannot establish and maintain public libraries, are provided with the best of literature by means of the Traveling Library, under the direction of the Commission.

For almost ten years the Library Commission has been actively engaged in the general plan of work briefly set forth above. Many variations have developed in methods, means used and specific ends to be accomplished. Encouraging results have followed and the development of the library interest in the decade has been most gratifying, though there remains much new territory in the state undeveloped.

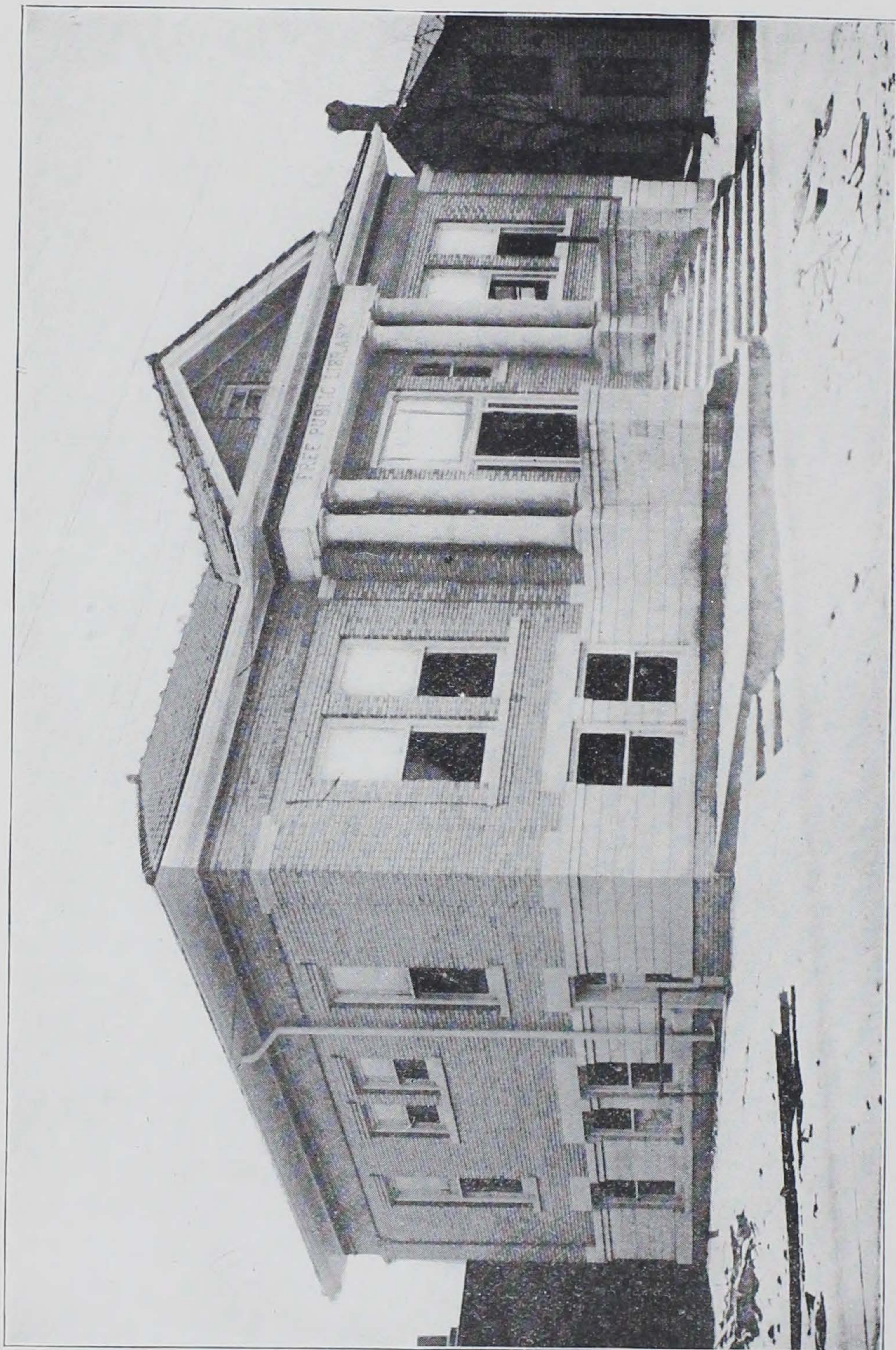
The number of free public libraries now in the state number 106. One or more may be found in every county in the state with the

exception of eighteen, as follows: Adair, Allamakee, Audubon, Butler, Clayton, Davis, Fremont, Hancock, Keokuk, Louisa, Ringgold, Shelby, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wayne, Winneshiek, Worth. However, in the county seat towns in several of these counties there are Women's Clubs or Library Associations that are maintaining libraries by subscription, or otherwise, which will doubtless eventually seek the municipal tax and become free public libraries. Among these are Audubon, Exira, Corydon, Garner, Knoxville and Northwood. In some counties there is more than one free public library to the county, thus making the total more than the number of counties (99); among these are Linn Co., with four, and O'Brien, Story and Wapello counties with three public libraries each, while several other counties have two. The total number of libraries that are being developed as association or subscription libraries is forty, the purpose in many cases being to vote a municipal tax as soon as practicable.

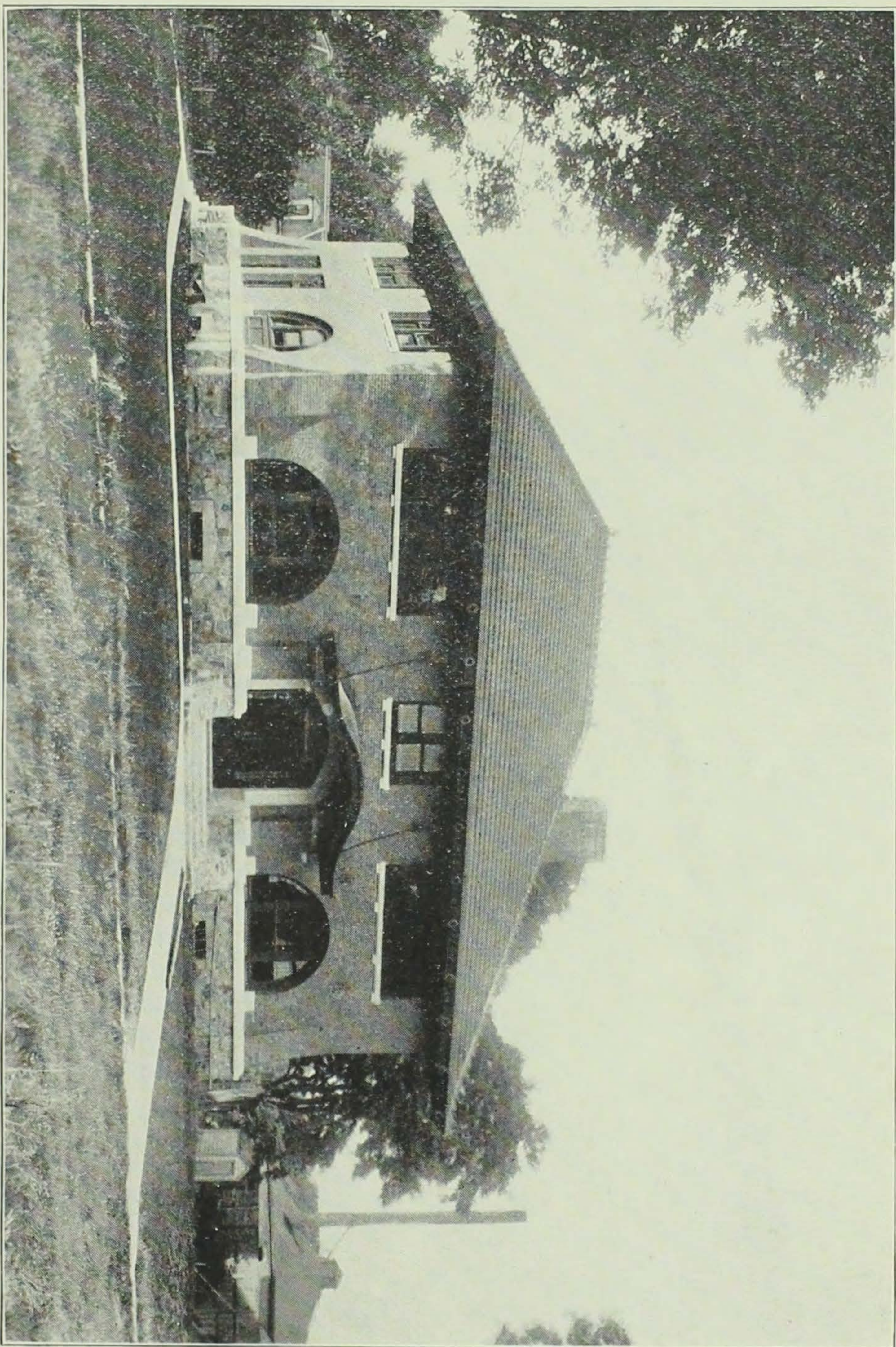
Organizing. The need of trained help in properly entering, classifying and cataloging the books in the new libraries and installing a modern loan system, has made the services of the Organizing assistant, sent out by the commission, one of the most welcome aids provided by the state for the small library. Help has also been given in this way to some of the older libraries in the work of reorganizing in conformity with present requirements.

The work was first in charge of Miss Alice C. Mann, a graduate of the Illinois Library School, who showed great ability in developing the plans for securing the best results in a brief time for each library visited. The quality of her work was highly appreciated and applications were filed with the Commission in advance for her services for a large number of the small libraries. Miss Mann resigned to accept a more lucrative position in Illinois and she was succeeded by Miss Caroline V. Langworthy, of Dubuque, also a graduate of the Illinois Library School. Miss Langworthy resigned after almost two years in the work to accept a better position in Arkansas, and was succeeded by Miss Ida L. Lange, the present Organizer, who came to the Commission from the Staff of the Library of the State University of Illinois.

During the biennial period the Organizer has visited the following libraries, giving close work, daily, to the technical organization, for periods varying from a few days to four weeks in some instances: Red Oak, Wellman, Rock Rapids, Stuart, Sanborn, Sheldon, Humboldt, Emmetsburg, West Branch, Pella, Rockwell City,



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Eagle Grove, West Liberty, Villisca, Eddyville, Hawarden, Clarion, Clear Lake, Eldon, Colfax, Chariton, Centerville. In a few instances the Field and Reference Assistant went out for this work.

New libraries. During the biennial period the following towns and cities have voted the municipal tax for a free public library: Galva, Grundy Center, Paton, Sac City, Sibley.

New buildings. The following libraries have occupied new library buildings during this period through the generosity of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. In most cases dedicatory exercises were held though in some instances the books were transferred from the old quarters to the new, and the library opened with no public exercises: Clarinda, Humboldt, Lake City, Laurens, New Hampton, Onawa, Red Oak, Rockwell City, Sheldon, Woodbine. The Onawa building was the joint gift of Mr. Carnegie and Judge Addison Oliver, each giving \$10,000.00, and the latter also giving a book fund of \$10,000.00, the income only to be used in the purchase of books.

Prospective buildings. The following libraries have received offers of buildings from Mr. Carnegie, and in some instances plans have been accepted and the buildings are in process of construction: Grundy Center, Osage, Osceola, Missouri Valley, Sac City, Spirit Lake.

Inasmuch as Iowa libraries have received generous recognition from Mr. Carnegie in the number of buildings he has provided within the state, the following summary is given:

Carnegie public library buildings now occupied.....	68
Carnegie public library buildings in process.....	6
Carnegie college library buildings.....	8
Buildings erected by local gift	20

Rural extension. The law under which public libraries may extend the free use of books to those residing in the country adjacent to the town or city, has been operative a sufficient time to test, in a measure, its efficiency. It is undoubtedly a decided step in advance in the library development of the state. Interest and even enthusiasm have been aroused in the townships where the work has been inaugurated in Page, Story, Cedar and Monona counties, by the Clarinda, Ames, Tipton and Onawa libraries. In the Onawa library, unusually favorable conditions exist for such rural extension work, as Judge Addison Oliver, who has done much for this library, based his original gift of books on the condition that the library should eventually become a county library, and has furnished funds

for the purchase of duplicate copies of popular standard books and provided for other expenses in beginning the work of book distribution to certain points in the two co-operating townships. A branch library has been established at Castana, where the citizens have entered heartily into the plan, and have provided a reading room and funds for magazines and reference books. A deposit of about 300 volumes is sent from the Onawa library for general circulation, the collection being changed every few months for other books. The schoolhouses are also being used as distributing centers, small collections of books for children being sent to these.

The Tipton library is also using the schoolhouses in the co-operating township as distributing points and also reports a large use of the library by individual borrowers residing in the township who come directly to the Tipton library for their books. The Clarinda library has utilized neighborhood centers in farm houses for placing general collections for neighborhood reading. Other librarians have interested townships in the plan but have not attempted to place libraries in the country neighborhoods in the manner suggested above. These are Boone, Grinnell, Nevada and Woodbine.

Experience has shown that the state law regarding township extension has in it great possibilities for broadening and strengthening the library work of the state, but it has also shown that it is necessary that provision shall be made in the law for the continuance of the co-operation between the township trustees and the public library board from year to year. In other words, after the township trustees have taken action to levy the tax and have entered into contract with the library board to provide books free for the residents of the township, this co-operation should continue until the residents shall by petition, or otherwise, inform the township trustees that they desire it discontinued, and the law should be amended to this effect. The law was originally enacted by the Thirty-first General Assembly, Chapter Fourteen, after having been amended very much from the original bill. It was so faulty as to be inoperative, and was amended by the Thirty-second G. A., Chapter Sixteen. The law as it appears in Section 729 of the Supplement to the Code, and in Section 592 with amendments is given below.

Powers of Library Trustees.

Said Board of Library Trustees shall have power to contract with the Trustees of the township in which the library is situated, or of adjacent townships, or with the trustees of governing bodies, of any neighboring

towns or cities not having library facilities for the public, to loan the books of said library, either singly or in groups, upon such terms as may be agreed upon in such contract.

Township Trustees—Power to Contract for Use of Public Libraries.

The Township Trustees shall have power to contract with the trustees of any Free Public Library for the use of said library by the people residing outside the corporate limits of the town or city in which such free public library is located, upon the same terms and conditions as those granted to residents in said town or city, and to pay such library such an amount as may be agreed upon therefor, and may, at the April meeting, levy a tax not exceeding one mill on each dollar of taxable property of the township outside the city or town in which such library is located, the fund derived therefrom constituting a special fund to be known as a library fund, which shall be used for no purpose other than is contemplated in this section, this being additional to chapter ten (10) of title four (4) of the Code.

City or Town Councils—Power to Contract for Use of Public Libraries.

They shall have the power to contract with the trustees of any free public library for the use of said library by the people of the city or town not having the use of a free library, upon the same terms and conditions as those granted to residents in the city or town where the library is located, and to pay such library such an amount as may be agreed upon therefor, and to levy a tax not exceeding one mill on each dollar of taxable valuation of the city or town for payment therefor. This shall be additional to chapter four (4) title (5) of the Code.

Summer Library School. Each summer the Secretary of the Library Commission conducts a Summer School for library training at Iowa City under the joint auspices of the Library Commission and the State University of Iowa. For six weeks instruction is given in the fundamentals of library methods, with the needs of the inexperienced librarians of the small libraries especially in view. Emphasis is given to technical matters relating to the organization and conduct of the library, such as classification and cataloging, in order that our libraries may be effectively organized to render the best service to the people. Much time is given, however, to the book side of library work by means of lectures on book selection and evaluation, and the work with the children is especially emphasized. The recognized place of the public library as one of the factors in social betterment is of such significance, that it is hoped that more lectures may be provided on what may be termed the human side of the library problem.

The instructors for the session of 1909 were Mr. Malcolm G. Wyer, Reference Work; Miss Harriet E. Howe, Cataloging and Accession; Miss Isabella M. Cooper of the New York Public Li-

brary, Classification and related subjects; Miss Edna Lyman, Library work with Children. Lectures were given by members of the Library Commission and by visiting librarians, and by Miss Brown and Miss Tyler of the Library Commission Staff.

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LIST OF SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENT

1909.

Anderson, Anna M.....	Clinton, Iowa
Arthur, Olive	Fort Dodge, Iowa
*Barrett, Mabel R.....	Fulton, Ill.
Cartwright, Emily H.....	Oregon, Ill.
Dillman, Pauline I.....	Joliet, Ill.
Hackett, Blanche I.....	Lake City, Iowa
Harris, Elizabeth B.....	Grinnell, Iowa
Hazard, Nettie B.....	Monticello, Iowa
Jones, Mary Linn	Clinton, Iowa
Kalb, Mrs. Alice A.....	Springfield, Ill.
Kemmerer, Leila	Davenport, Iowa
Milligan, Flora I.....	Tipton, Iowa
Pierce, Nellie M.....	Joliet, Ill.
Revell, Emma E.....	Rockford, Ill.
Schoedsack, Emily B.....	Council Bluffs, Iowa
Shellenberger, Grace	Humboldt, Iowa
Shields, Edith E.....	Monmouth, Ill.
Sisson, Gertrude C.....	Davenport, Iowa
*Skogh, Harriet M.....	Moline, Ill.
Taylor, Helen M.....	Newton, Iowa
Willard, Ruth M.....	Grinnell, Iowa
Williams, Elizabeth F.....	Vinton, Iowa
Yerington, Grace L.....	Storm Lake, Iowa

1910.

Barker, Frankie J.....	Villisca, Iowa
Capps, Mrs. Ida E.....	Hastings, Neb.
Fitzpatrick, T. J.....	Lamoni, Iowa
Houck, Daisy B.....	Grand Island, Neb.
Lobdell, Helen	Norfolk, Neb.
Lutkemeyer, Georgia	Jacksonville, Ill.
McCabe, Olivia	Des Moines, Iowa
Mallalieu, Elizabeth L.....	Kearney, Neb.
Moody, Eleanor	Keokuk, Iowa
*O'Connor, Rose	Sioux City, Iowa
Pierce, Katharine	Marion, Iowa
Plaister, Cornelia	Dubuque, Iowa
Robertson, Edna B.....	Oskaloosa, Iowa
Tinker, Vera A.....	Mason City, Iowa
Walpole, Elizabeth	Goodland, Kan.
Wellman, Nellie J.....	Cherokee, Iowa
Whitmire, Mrs. Mary B.....	Waverly, Iowa
Wightman, Beatrice	Waterloo, Iowa
Wiles, Ethel L.....	Des Moines, Iowa.

*For children's course only.

State Library Association. An important factor in developing the present healthy condition of library interests in the state is the Iowa Library Association, which is a state organization of those who are interested in library growth and development either as librarians, library trustees, or friends and well-wishers of the work. The twentieth annual meeting was held in Des Moines Oct. 12-14, 1909, and brought many to the headquarters of the Library Commission, where some of the sessions were held, thus giving opportunity to see something of the character and scope of the extension work and the far-reaching field of the Traveling Library work. Notable speakers were present, including the President and Secretary of the American Library Association, and the subjects discussed represented the wide educational outlook of modern library work. There was an attendance of over 150.

The division of the State Association into six Districts for smaller round-table meetings each spring has also been a helpful factor in strengthening the work, these meetings providing informal gatherings to discuss problems of daily work. The relation of the Library Commission to the State Association in both the State and District meetings is intimate and close, the members of the Commission being in attendance as active members; the Secretary serves *ex-officio* on the Executive Board and Program Committee of the State Asso-

ciation, and attends most of the spring District meetings of the Association.

National Organizations. The large and influential national bodies—the American Library Association and the League of Library Commissions,—have repeatedly recognized the character of library work in Iowa by electing representatives of the Library Commission to offices in these organizations. During the biennial period, the Secretary of the Commission, Miss Tyler, has served as 2d Vice President of the A. L. A., and is now on the Executive Board, and has been a member of the Council of the A. L. A. for several years. The Librarian of the Traveling Library, Miss Brown, was Secretary of the League of Library Commissions the past year, and was Chairman of the important Committee on Uniform Traveling Library Statistics. Mrs. Henry J. Howe, one of the Commissioners, served as Vice President of the League of Library Commissions, 1908-09. At present Mr. Johnson Brigham, Chairman of the Commission, is a member of the A. L. A. Council.

Commission Meetings. Four regular meetings of the Commission are held each year,—in January, April, July and October. The January meeting is the annual meeting and is always held in Des Moines; the October meeting is held at the time and place of the meeting of the Iowa Library Association.

During the biennial period the terms of two members of the Commission expired,—that of Mrs. Henry J. Howe, June 30, 1909, and that of Mrs. Horace M. Towner, June 30, 1910. Both were re-appointed for terms of five years each by Gov. B. F. Carroll.

Commission Law. The Thirty-third General Assembly amended the Commission law, providing for a slight increase of the total appropriation for the work. There is now a total of \$11,000.00 annually for all expenditures, including books for the Traveling Library. A limit of \$6,000 is placed on salaries, the same to be fixed by the Legislative Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, upon recommendation of the Commission.

Staff. The present force in the executive office consists of the Secretary (who is also designated State Director of Library Extension), Librarian of the Traveling Library, Field and Reference Assistant, Organizer, Clerk and Stenographer, General Assistant, and a Shipping Clerk for part time. The services of Miss Edna Lyman, as Advisory Children's Librarian, during the biennial period, has been available from time to time through adjustments made by the Commission, and the results that have followed wher-

ever she has gone in the state on behalf of the Commission have been most gratifying. Expert knowledge of children's literature, ability as a public speaker and story teller and many years experience as a skilled librarian, have made her services to the smaller libraries of the state of such a character as to attract the attention and interest of other State Library Commissions. The importance of the *quality* of what children read during the very impressionable period of their lives cannot be too much emphasized, and this experiment made under Miss Lyman's direction shows that funds should be available for making it a permanent feature of our library extension work.

The growth of the work of the Library Commission shows most conclusively that skilled, enthusiastic, capable workers are the most valuable asset, both in active extension work and in Traveling Library work, and that here is where emphasis must be laid. Salaries commensurate with the quality of the work required are imperative, in order that our high standards shall be maintained, and additional trained help of this character provided.

General Library Laws. This Commission is actively interested in the upbuilding of the free public libraries of the state. This is one of the chief duties assigned it by law. It is therefore of great concern that the state laws regarding the establishment and maintenance of free public libraries shall be strengthened and amended from time to time as the growth of the work and changed conditions require. In consultation with librarians and library trustees the following desirable changes in the law have been brought to the attention of the Commission and have been recommended by the State Library Association to its Legislative Committee:

Section 728 regarding trustees of public libraries should be amended without disturbing the working of the law by reducing the number of trustees from nine to seven or five.

A clause should be inserted in the same section regarding inactive or delinquent trustees. Provision should be made declaring vacancies in the Board in case members absent themselves habitually from meetings of the Board while in the city and in good health. Such persistent absences weaken the Board.

Section 732 regarding the tax levy is fundamental. The limit placed therein as to the amount of levy allowed by law, should be raised to at least five mills; this being permissive and not mandatory within that amount, it would enable Library Boards to develop the work along special lines when unusual conditions arose,

provide for the related interests of the library, and build up the collection of standard books.

Libraries in commission governed cities are confronted with an embarrassing situation as there is much uncertainty as to the intent of the law in relation to library boards in those cities. It is of the utmost importance that there should be legislation, making clear the doubtful point regarding the number of library trustees under this plan and whether the powers of trustees as set forth in the general law apply in these cities.

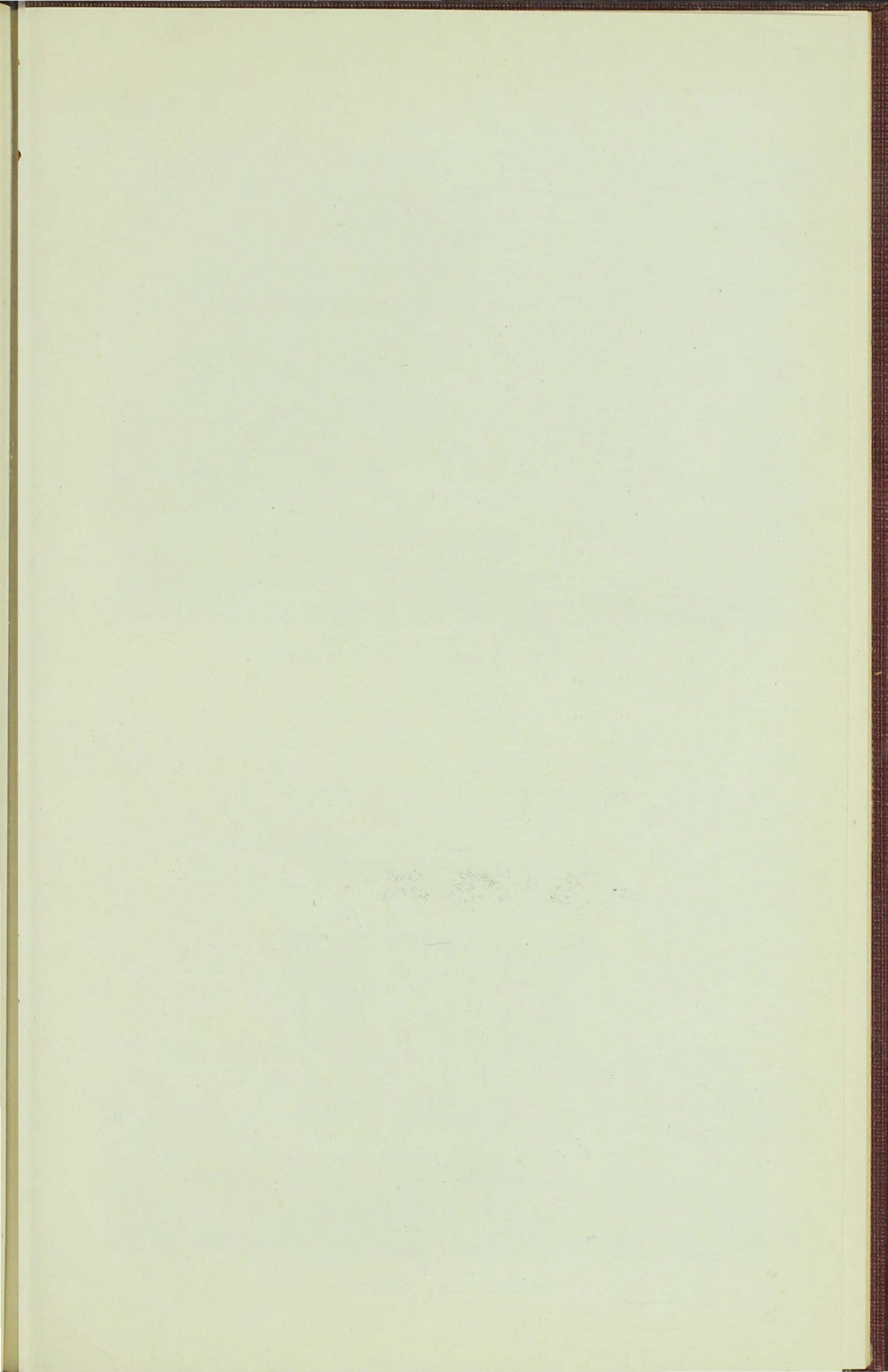
The township extension feature of the library law has been touched upon elsewhere in this report. Section 592 should be amended by inserting a clause providing that unless a request is made by the residents of the township (by petition or otherwise) to discontinue the levy, the trustees must renew it from year to year.

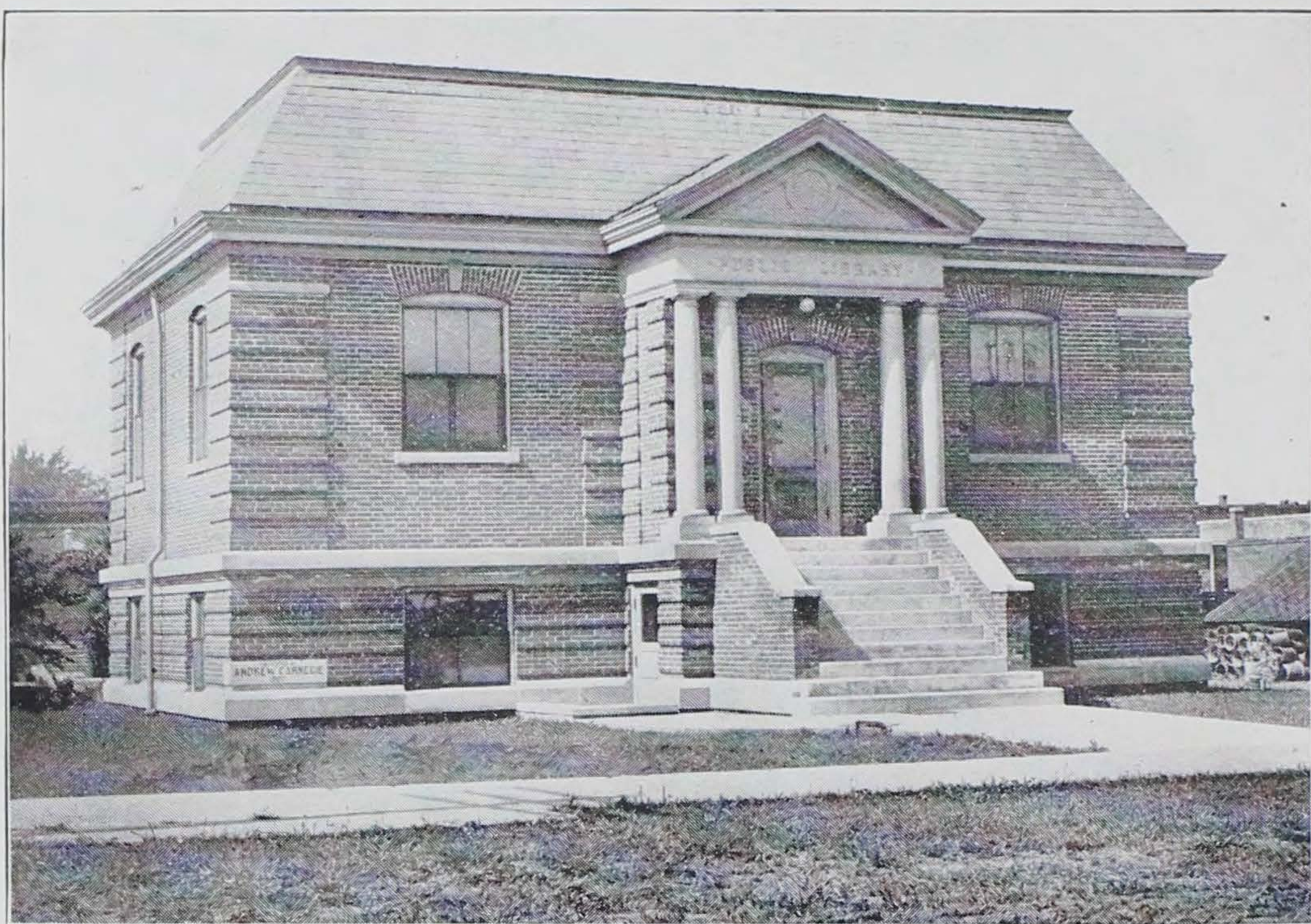
Detailed Statements.

The total annual appropriation for the work of the Library Commission is \$11,000.00. This covers all the activities of the Commission, traveling library, extension, salaries, traveling expenses, etc. Inasmuch as the law provides that all accounts and expenditures are audited and allowed by the State Executive Council, the detailed statement of expenditures is given in the Reports of the Council.

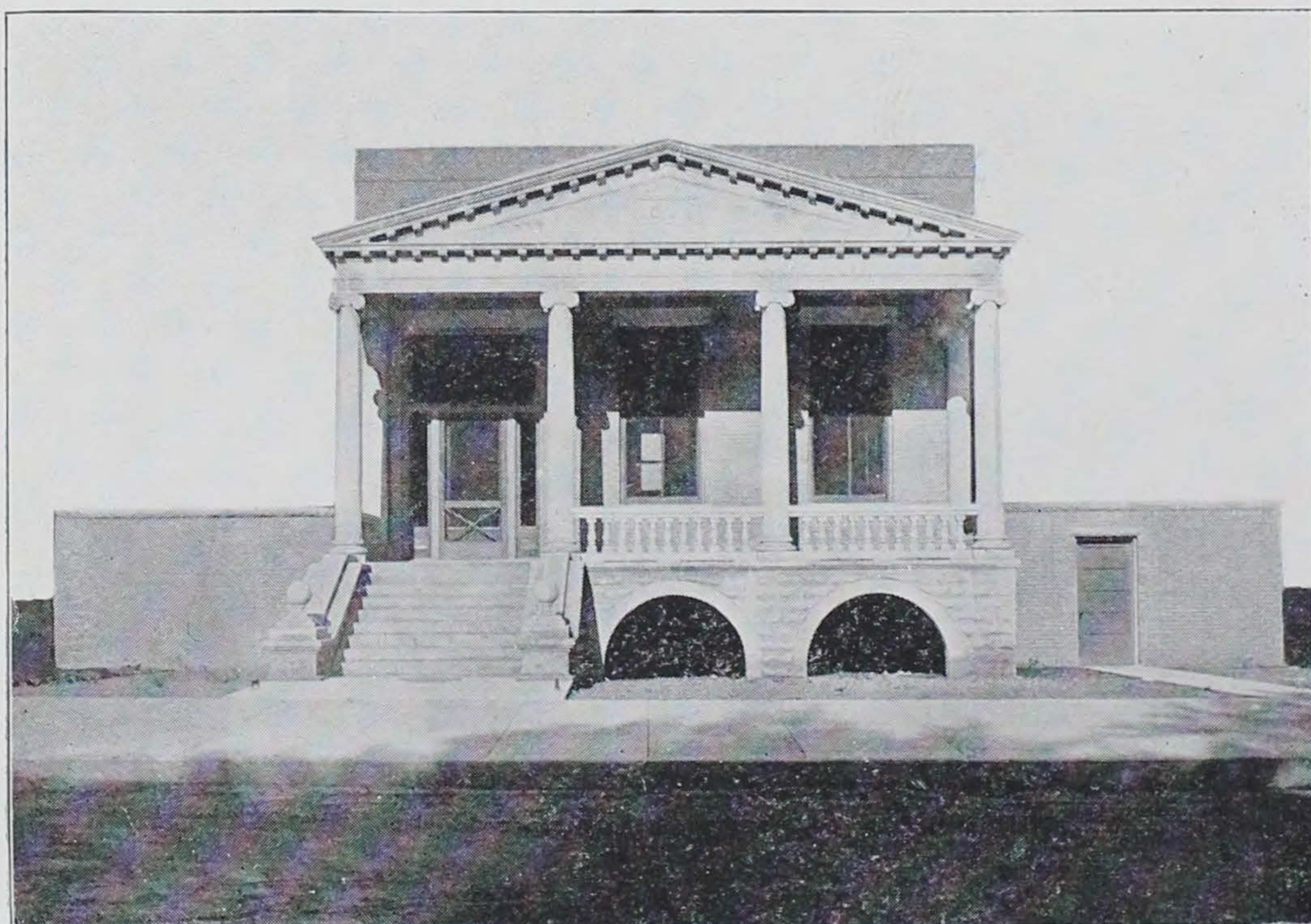
Statistics regarding the public libraries of Iowa are given in each issue of the Iowa Official Register and those regarding school libraries will be found in the Reports of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The law under which the Library Commission is authorized will be found in Code Supplement, 1907, p. 687, and amended by Chapter 190, Laws of Thirty-third General Assembly.

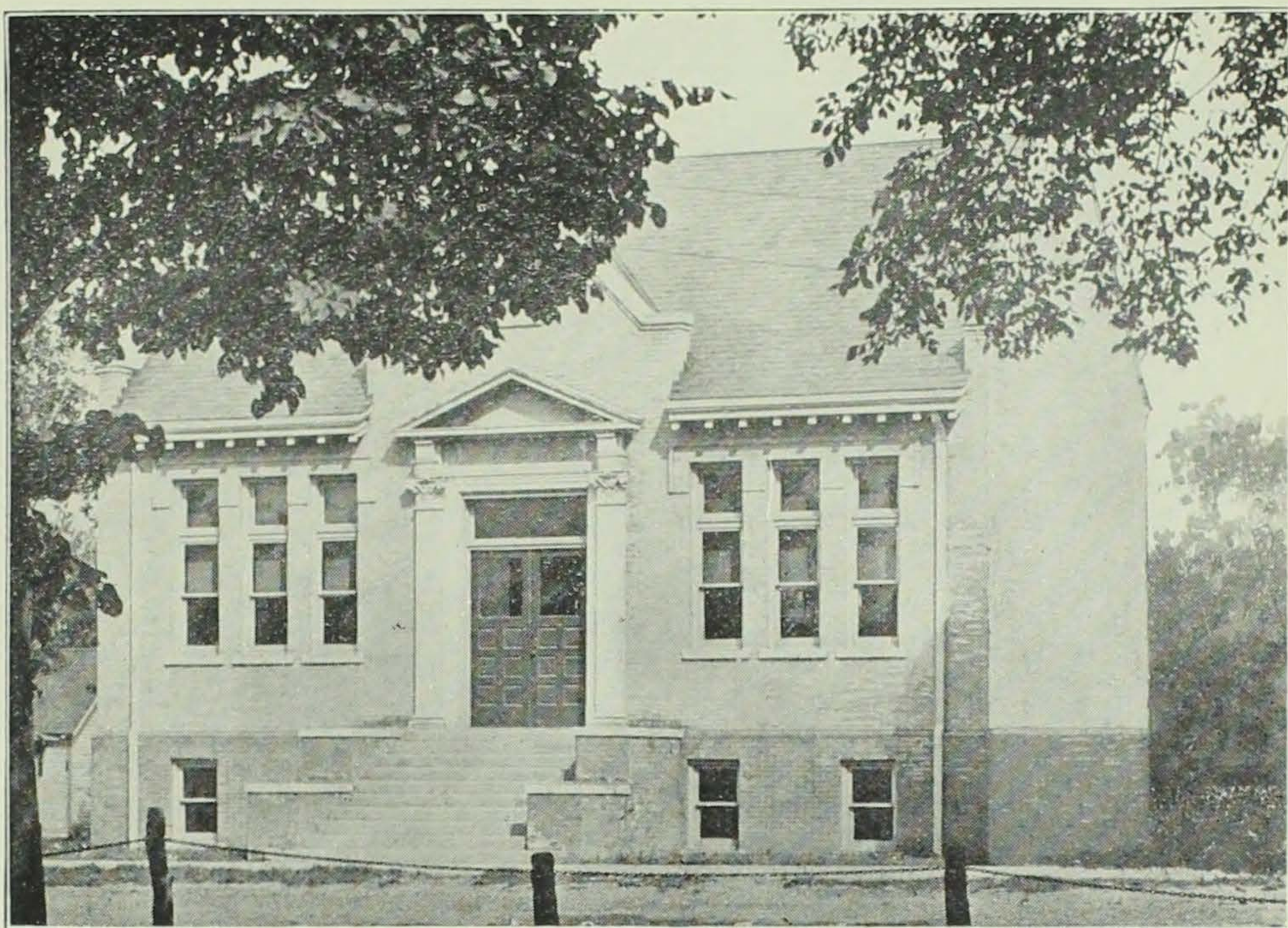




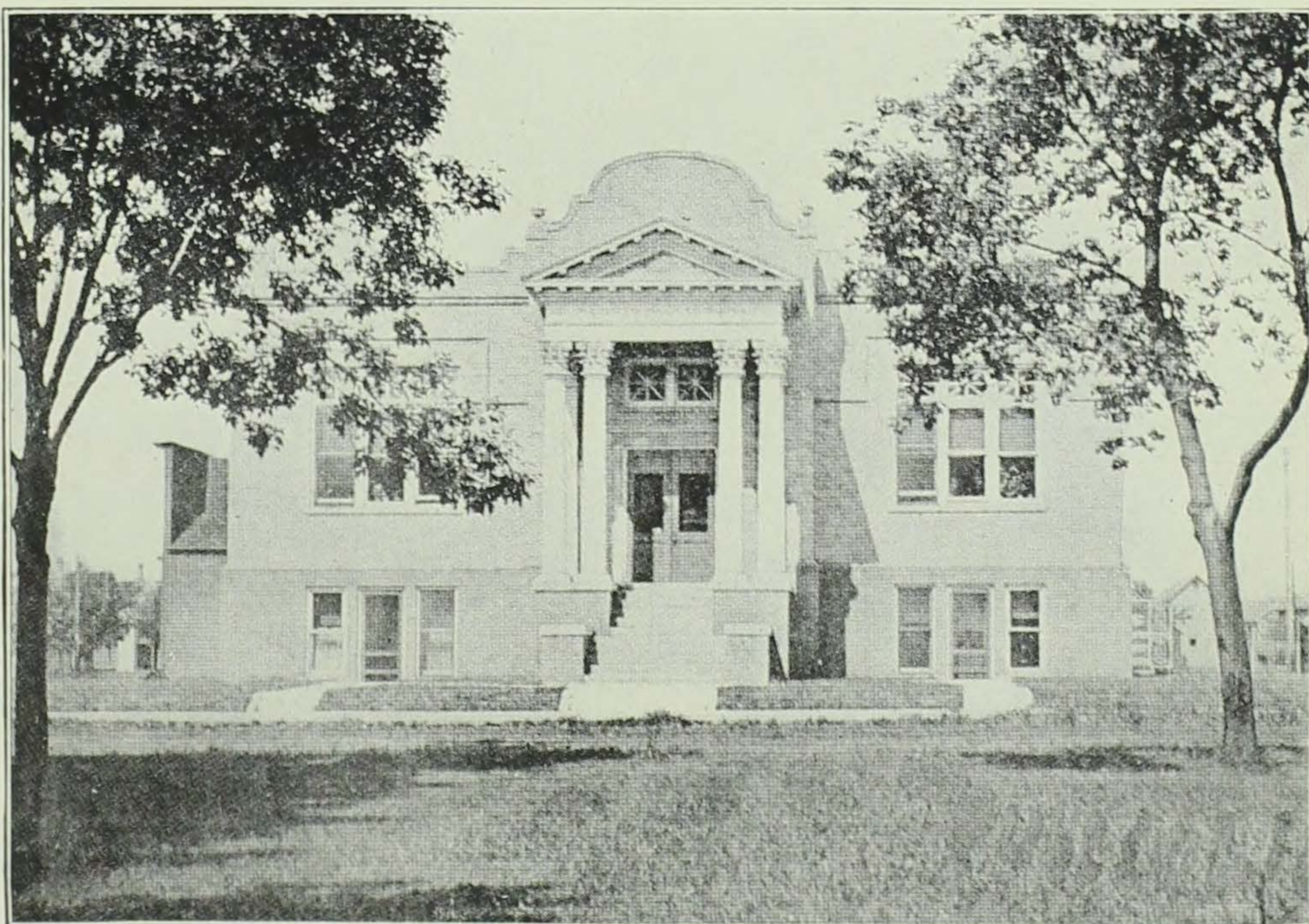
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LAKE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY—CARNEGIE BUILDING



ROCKWELL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY—CARNEGIE BUILDING

TRAVELING LIBRARY

The increasing use of the Traveling Library during the biennial period is attested by the fact that the number of requests for books almost doubled that of the previous biennial period. In the previous biennial period 1,498 requests for books were received, while 2,271 requests were received during this period. Each of these requests represents the loan of a varied number of volumes:— a total number of 49,113 books being loaned in answer to these requests. Back of these figures in most cases lies painstaking and careful examination of many books to find the material exactly fitted to the needs of the reader, or student desiring aid on a specific subject. Many times an apparently simple request which comes in the morning mail represents an entire day of research and evaluation in order to send the necessary material in such a small compass that the expense of the shipment of the books may be reduced to a minimum. Such requests as this are becoming more and more frequent, thus showing the practical service the Traveling Library books are rendering throughout the state, affording not only entertainment and wholesome diversion, but providing facts and information to serve a definite end. Iowa was the first of the library commissions of the middle west to develop subject and research work from an open shelf collection, whereby the student may have the material required to suit his specific need.

The volume of correspondence entailed in such reference work is great, owing to the fact that in supplying one request, it is often necessary to exchange a number of letters to arrive at a clear understanding as to the needs of the borrower. This correspondence must in a measure take the place of the usual face to face conversation regarding a reader's needs in the public library.

In lending books for general reading, the fact that custodians are often unfamiliar with the books in the collections, has led to an interesting experiment. In the past year, as new collections have been added, annotations have been prepared briefly setting forth the character of the books and their interesting points. These have been typewritten and placed inside the front covers of the books, in the fixed groups for general reading, and also in the

juvenile fixed groups. The response from the custodians expressing appreciation of this, and the help it has been to them, and to their readers, has been most gratifying, and the plan will probably be continued and largely developed in the future. Careful attention has been paid to the selection of attractive, illustrated editions of children's classics in making up the recent juvenile fixed groups, with the belief that the child's interest can be thus strengthened in the books that are worth while. These collections have been used largely in supplying the small public libraries of the state that have meagre and inadequate collections of children's books.

Co-operation. Work has been continued with the Agricultural Extension Department of the State College at Ames, by the loan of books for exhibits and for the Short Courses. Books were placed in each Exhibit car used by the Department. Explanatory placards and printed matter accompany these exhibits, calling the attention to the use of the books in continuing the course of study which the instructors had presented. Many Agricultural clubs have taken advantage of this opportunity to make use of the Traveling Library.

The study outline on "Home, School and Community Life" for the use of clubs of farmers' wives, which has been issued by the Agricultural Extension Department, for the clubs now being formed by that organization, was developed by the Traveling Library staff from topics furnished by the Agricultural Department. Lists of reference books and printed matter covering this outline are available from the Traveling Library.

The Traveling Library has continued to provide the list of books and references on the annual subject of debate, selected by the State High School Debating League. This requires careful evaluation of the material available and the purchase of a number of copies of each reference to supply the many demands from High Schools in the small towns throughout the state. Many debating teams depend entirely upon the Traveling Library for their material, and would not be able to enter the contest without it.

The stimulus that has come within the last few years to debate in the schools of the state, has led to the development of carefully prepared Traveling Library Debate collections on a series of subjects additional to those used by the High School Debating League. A leaflet has been issued by the Commission giving a list of these subjects. These Debate Libraries have been greatly in demand

as they supply material on both affirmative and negative sides of the subjects. They have been used in High Schools in many towns where no public library exists.

Close co-operation is continued with the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs in connection with the study club work, and a leaflet has been issued setting forth the aid the Traveling Library can render these clubs, both in the preparation of their programs and in the provision of books to carry out their studies throughout the year. The librarian of the Traveling Library has continued as a member of the Literature and Library Extension Committee of the I. F. W. C., and by this means is in close touch with the needs of the clubs throughout the state in that organization. Outlines have been prepared on many subjects by this committee, and through the co-operation of the Library Commission these outlines are available from the Traveling Library. The Traveling Library has for many years been in close touch with the Study Club work by means of the standards set by the first chairman of the Club Program Committee of the I. F. W. C., Mrs. H. M. Towner, a member of the Library Commission, and also by the membership of Miss Brown upon this committee.

The co-operation with the state Y. M. C. A., has followed the lines suggested in our former report with the additional co-operation of the Commission with that organization, in the preparation of a list of books printed and distributed by the Boys' Department of the state Y. M. C. A., entitled "A selected List of Good Books for Boys."

The Traveling Picture Collection has been augmented by the addition of "Presidents of the United States," a collection of engravings with explanatory sketches, and the "Louvre Gallery," a collection of reproductions of forty of the great pictures in that gallery. The Traveling Picture collections are constantly in demand for exhibit purposes by both libraries and schools, and should be developed as funds permit. These collections are accompanied by books on the subjects when desired.

The books for the blind have continued to be highly appreciated by blind readers throughout the state, and a few titles have been added to the collection, which now numbers 137 volumes. The number of borrowers has also increased, there now being 91, to whom 503 books have been loaned during the biennial period. A local organization "The Society for Promoting the Interests of the Blind in Iowa," holds its regular meetings in the Iowa Library

Commission rooms, and the blind readers have the keenest appreciation of what the Commission is doing in providing a good collection of books for their use, and co-operating with them in other ways.

State Fair Exhibit. To bring the attention of the Traveling Library to those in attendance at the State Fair, an exhibit was placed in the Exposition building, where space was granted through the courtesy of the State Fair Managers. An attempt was made to visualize the work of the Commission, especially in connection with the Traveling Library work. A large exhibit case was utilized in which were placed books on Agriculture and Domestic Science, and also general collections for home reading. A few pictures from the Traveling Picture Collections, Bulletins, Placards, etc., added to the attractiveness and interest of the exhibit. Printed matter was distributed and a member of the staff was in charge during the busy hours each day and found many interested inquirers. Gratifying results have followed; many requests coming for the loan of books from those who visited the exhibit and became acquainted with the Traveling Library for the first time.

SUMMARY.

The books in the entire Traveling Library collection July 1, 1910, numbered 19,702 and are divided as follows:

191 libraries for general reading in fixed collections of	
50 books each	9,550
Open shelf subject collections for study, and graded books	
for rural schools	10,152
Total	19,702

During the biennial period 49,113 books were loaned in answer to 2,271 requests as follows:

	No. Libs. Sent	No. Vols. Sent
Public libraries	535	12,135
School and College Libraries.....	389	9,823
Study Clubs	435	4,051
Library Associations and other organi- zations	380	16,973
Groups of taxpayers	110	4,841
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	1,849	47,823
Requests from individuals.....	422	1,290
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	2,271	49,113

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF IOWA

ALBIA. Population 3957.

Free public library. Mrs. Laura M. Duncan, librarian; J. S. Moon, president of board of trustees; Dr. P. S. Hoover, secretary; Mrs. Mollie R. Ramsay, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1908. Cost \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Lot donated by John Z. Evans. Estimated valuation of property at present \$12,800.

Total number of volumes, 2,613. Circulation 1909, 13,376.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,115.

ALGONA. Population 3047.

Free public library. Mrs. E. M. Horton, librarian; S. E. McMahon, president of board of trustees; T. R. Harrington, secretary; Miss Louise McCoy, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1905. Cost \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Lot donated by Capt. W. H. Ingham and wife. Estimated valuation of property at present \$15,000.

Total number of volumes 5,954. Circulation 1909, 14,168.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,110.

AMES. Population 3292.

Free public library. Kittie B. Freed, librarian; Mrs. Julia W. Stanton, president of board of trustees; Miss Myrtle Lanning, secretary, Herman Knapp, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Lot donated by Hon. W. M. Greeley and wife. In 1909 Mr. Carnegie gave an additional \$6,000. Estimated valuation of property at present \$19,840.

Total number of volumes, 4,770. Circulation 1909, 11,124.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar in the city, $\frac{1}{2}$ mill in Grant township. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$2,205. \$97 of which was received from Grant township.

ANAMOSA. Population 2,878.

Free public library. Elsie Remley, librarian; J. W. Shapley, president of board of trustees; Mrs. E. R. Moore, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1900. Built by subscription through active effort of the D. A. R. Estimated valuation of property \$18,000.

Total number of volumes 4,500. Circulation 1909, 7,794.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$895.35. Library has an endowment of \$7,000 from the estate of Mr. W. S. Benton, of Minneapolis, for book fund.

ATLANTIC. Population 4,893.

Free public library. Mary N. Adams, librarian; J. B. Rockafellow, president of board of trustees; Anna O. Temple, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost \$12,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$15,000.

Total number of volumes, 5,060. Circulation 1909, 18,566.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar; to be increased to $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar in ensuing year. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,476.

BOONE. Population 9,500.

Ericson public library. Bessie Moffat, librarian; C. J. A. Ericson, president of board of trustees; J. M. Brainard, secretary; J. J. Snell, chairman book committee.

Building erected 1901. Gift of Sen. C. J. A. Ericson. Estimated value of property at present \$22,000. Museum in connection with library.

Total number of volumes 14,672. Circulation 1909, 14,882.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$2,650.

BURLINGTON. Population, 25,318.

Free public library. Daisy B. Sabin, librarian; Dr. N. McKitterick, president of the board of trustees; Mrs. A. M. Antrobus, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1898. This was partially a gift from Mr. Phillip M. Crapo, and partially built by taxation. Estimated valuation of property at present \$100,000.

Total number of volumes 31,966. Circulation 1909, 82,765.

Basis of library tax levy, $1\frac{3}{4}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$6,439.77. The library has a permanent endowment of \$3,000 known as the Potter Memorial fund, the interest of which is expended from year to year in the purchase of books and literature on technical subjects, for the various trades and professions.

CARROLL. Population 3,203.

Free public library. Mrs. Martha H. Bangs, librarian; Mrs. Ella M. Burke, president of the board of trustees; and chairman of book committee. Mrs. Martha H. Bangs, secretary.

Building erected 1905. Cost \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

Estimated valuation of property at present \$13,500.

Total number of volumes 3,463. Circulation 1909, 7,714.

Basis of library tax levy, 2½ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,080.

CEDAR FALLS. Population 5,329.

Free public library. Eunice H. Overman, librarian; Rev. F. D. Pierce, president of board of trustees; LeClair Martin, secretary. There are four book committees assigned according to the classification of books. All board members are members of a book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost \$15,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

The site was donated by Mrs. Dayton, a resident of Cedar Falls.

Estimated valuation of property at present \$17,000.

Total number of volumes 6,856. Circulation in 1909, 22,879.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$2,119.

CEDAR RAPIDS. Population 28,759.

Free public library, Joanna E. Hagey, librarian; Mrs. Mary Z. Andre, president of the board of trustees; Frank Filip, secretary; B. L. Wick, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1905. Cost \$75,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

Estimated valuation of property at present \$100,000. A picture gallery in connection with the library which is used for loan exhibits, contains some paintings and framed prints of masterpieces.

Total number of volumes 19,505. Circulation in 1909, 94,078.

Basis of library tax levy 1 8-10 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$9,139.

CENTERVILLE. Population, 5,967.

Drake free public library. Beth Gault, librarian; Dr. J. L. Sawyers, president of the board of trustees; A. P. Speers, secretary; Mrs. O. H. Law, chairman of the book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost \$30,000. Gift of Gen. F. M. Drake. Estimated valuation of property at present \$35,000.

Total number of volumes 6,923. Circulation in 1909, 19,374.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,387.

CENTRAL CITY. Population 607.

John C. Clegg library. Mrs. Howard Bliss, librarian, secretary and chairman of book committee; Cyril Clark, president of board of trustees.

Building erected from proceeds of sale of farm bequeathed by Mr. John C. Clegg.

Total number of volumes 2,401. Circulation 1909, 4,010.

Total income from taxation in 1909, \$217.49.

CHARITON. Population 4,045.

Free public library. Katherine Terrill, librarian; Mrs. Victoria Dewey, president of board of trustees; Miss Eloise Copeland, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost \$11,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present \$13,000.

Lucas County Historical Society has a room in the building.

Total number of volumes, 2,930. Circulation in 1909, 10,954.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$975.

CHARLES CITY. Population 4,546.

Free public library. Belle Caldwell, librarian and secretary; Rev. E. E. Schuette, president of board of trustees; Geo. E. May, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost \$12,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present \$15,500.

Museum contains several Indian and geological collections and a collection of stuffed birds and animals native to this section of Iowa.

Total number of volumes 7,119. Circulation in 1909, 19,521.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,488.

CHEROKEE. Population 3,998.

Free public library. Nellie J. Wellman, librarian; Mrs. J. H. Burlingame, president of board of trustees and chairman of book committee; Mrs. M. Wakefield, secretary.

Building erected 1905. Cost \$12,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated value of property at present \$19,000.*

Total number of volumes 6,227. Circulation in 1909, 13,716.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,269.

CLARINDA. Population 4,020.

Free public library. Mrs. Clara B. Willis, librarian; F. V. Hensleigh, president of the board of trustees; Edwin C. Lane, secretary; William Orr, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1909. Cost \$15,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present \$20,000.

Total number of volumes 4,000. Circulation in 1909, 11,543.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar in the city of Clarinda; $\frac{1}{2}$ mill in three outlying townships. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$2,124. \$467 of this was received from outlying townships.

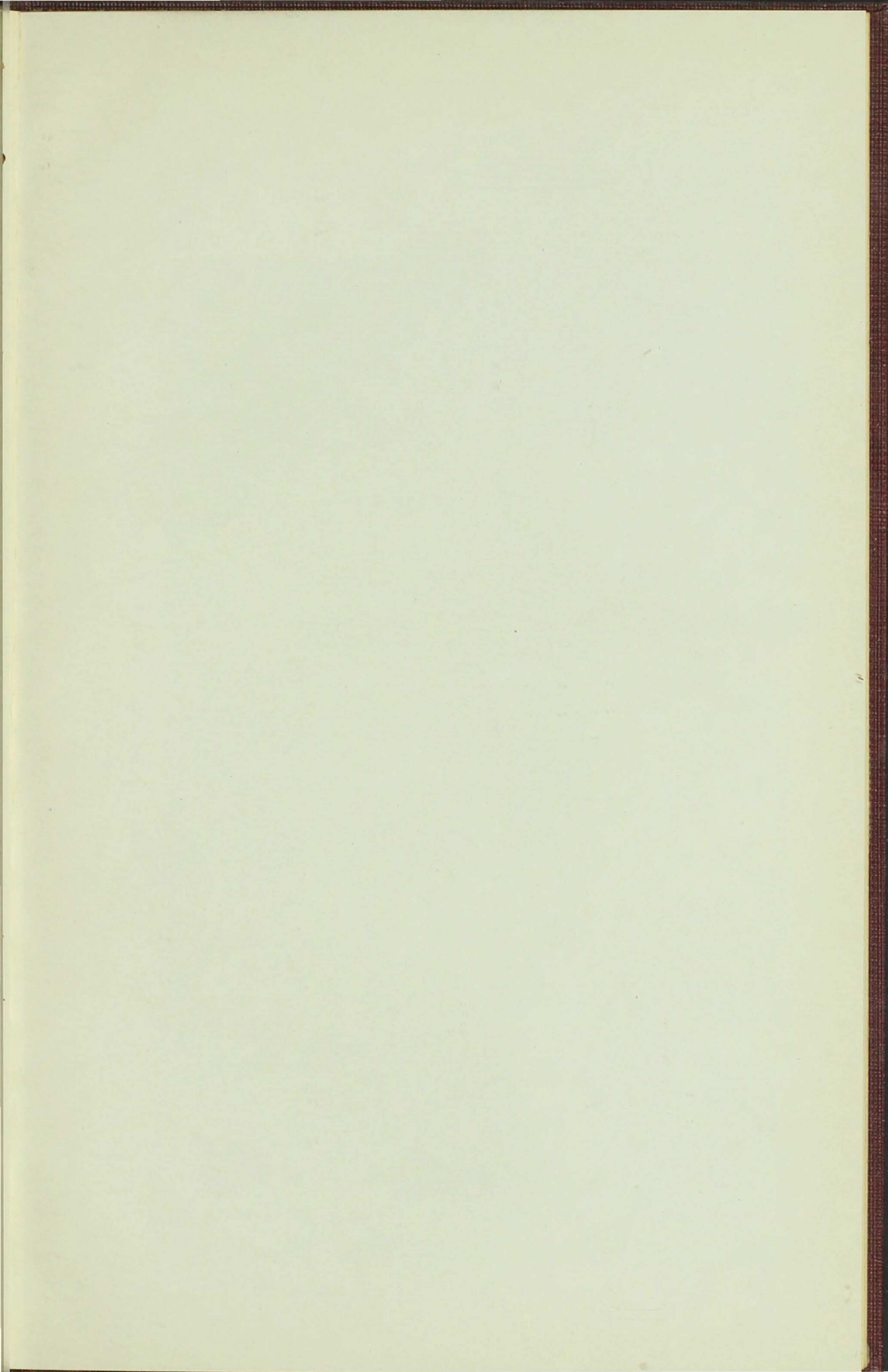
CLARION. Population 1,885.

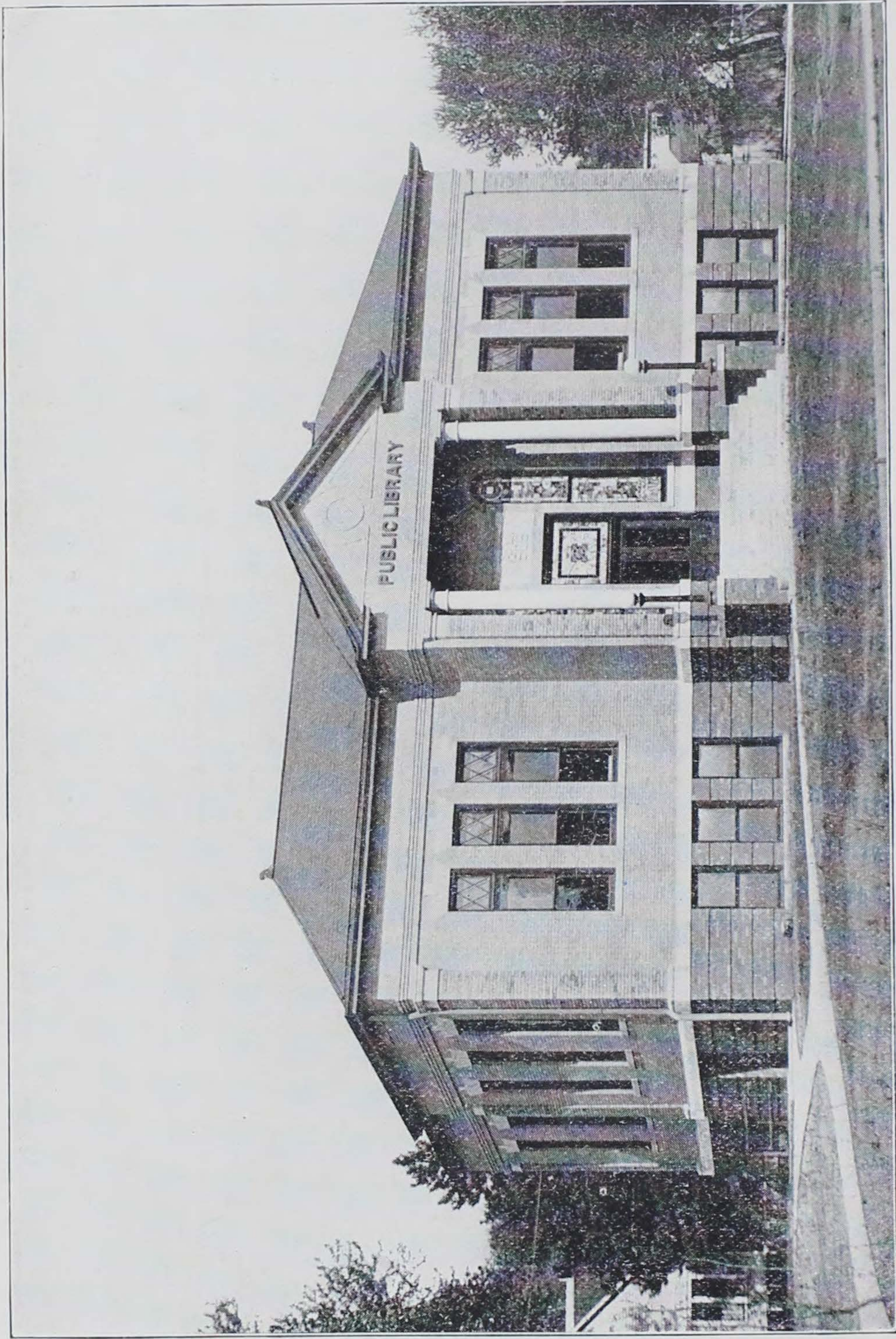
Morgan Evarts library. Mrs. Geo. T. Eldridge, librarian; C. N. Nagle, president of board of trustees; W. T. R. Humphrey, secretary.

Building erected 1907. Cost \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Morgan Evarts. Estimated valuation of property at present \$17,000.

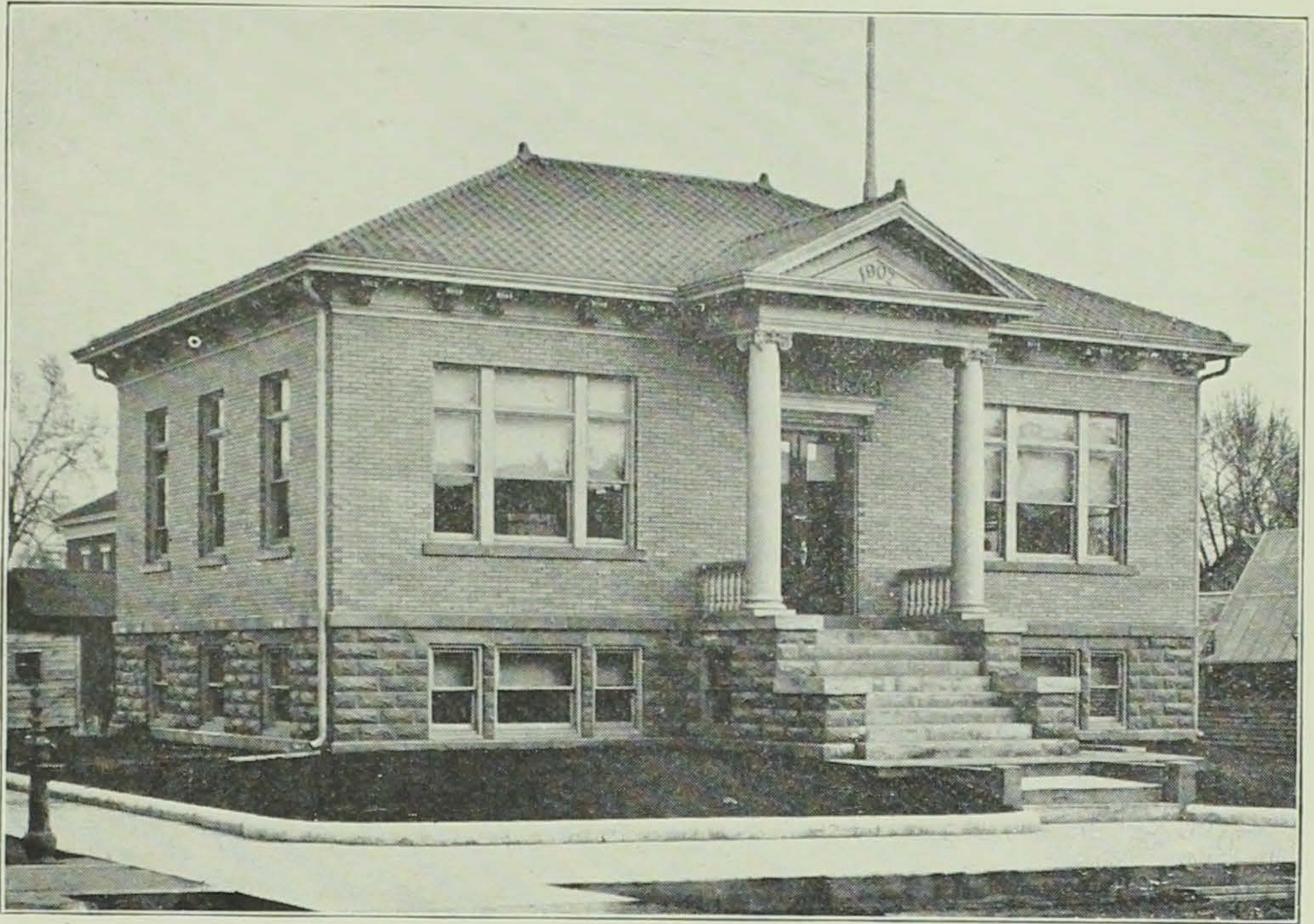
Total number of volumes 2,900. Circulation in 1909, 13,720.

Basis of library tax levy 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,278.

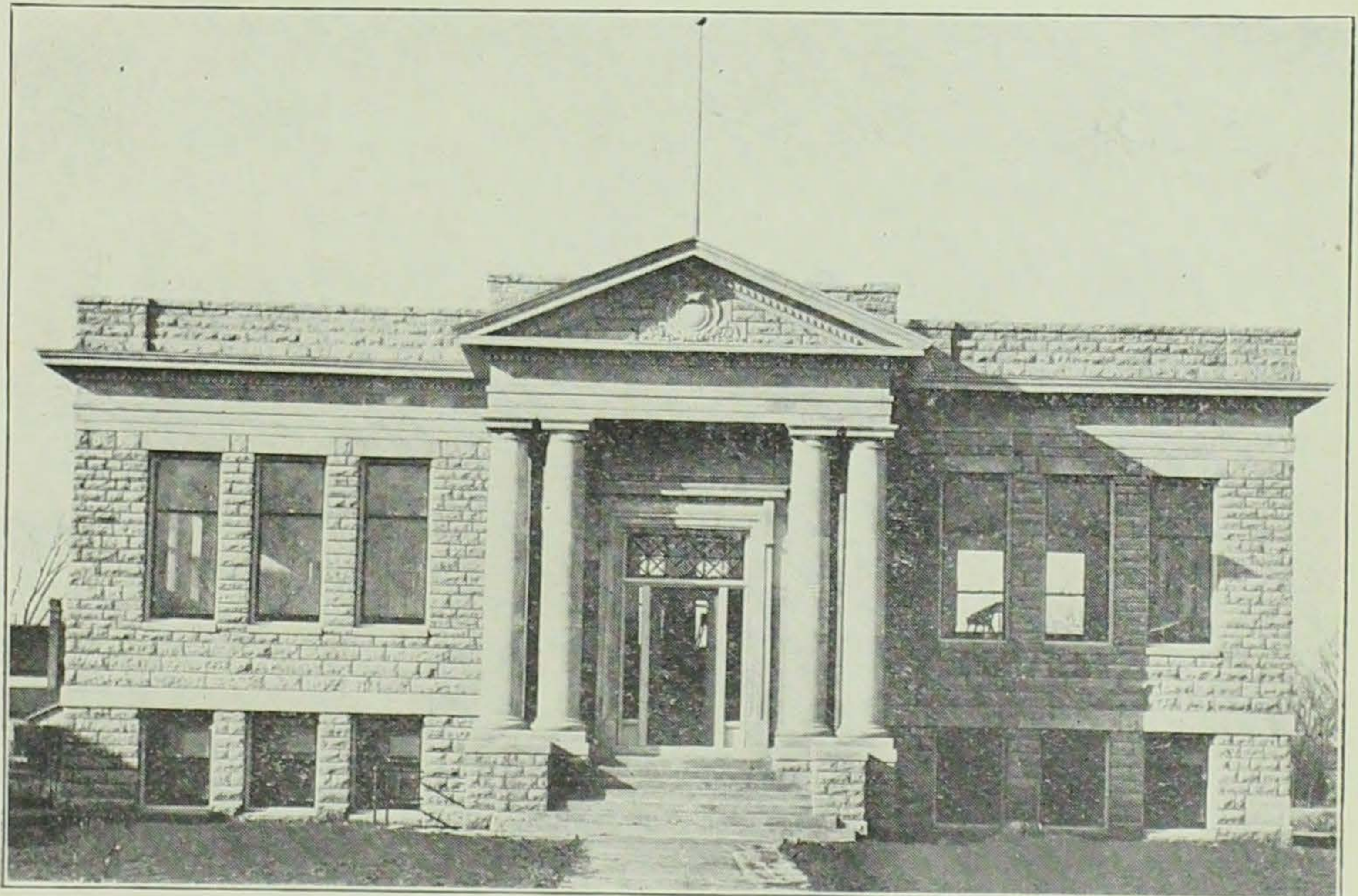




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HUMBOLDT PUBLIC LIBRARY—CARNEGIE BUILDING

CLINTON. Population 22,756.

Free public library. Miss Grace C. Mullany, librarian; Patterson Rowe, president of board of trustees; George B. Phelps, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Cost of building \$45,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. The site valued about \$10,000 was a gift of Mrs. Ella Lamb Young. Estimated valuation of property at present \$58,000.

Total number of volumes 15,761. Circulation in 1909, 69,156.

Basis of library tax levy, $1\frac{3}{4}$ mills on the dollar; to be increased to 2 mills on the dollar in ensuing year. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$4,661.

COLFAX. Population 2,553.

Free public library. Josephine B. Logsdon, librarian; Dr. Alice Turner, president of board of trustees; Mrs. Eleanor J. Hawk, secretary; Dr. Alice Turner, chairman of book committee.

Library does not own a building.

Total number of volumes 2,822. Circulation 1909, 5,849.

Total income from taxation in 1909, \$498.

CORNING. Population 1,943.

Free public library. Sara L. Sheppard, librarian; Mrs. H. M. Towner, president of board of trustees and chairman of book committee; E. F. Miner, secretary.

Building erected 1900. Cost \$2,500. Gift of Mrs. Mary A. Rawson. Estimated valuation of property at present \$3,500.

Total number of volumes 5,020. Circulation in 1909, 8,080.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,071.

COUNCIL BLUFFS. Population 25,231.

Free public library. Mrs. Mary E. Dailey, librarian; E. H. Merriam, president of board of trustees; M. F. Rohrer, secretary; C. W. McDonald, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1905. Cost \$70,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present \$120,000.

Total number of volumes 29,599. Circulation in 1909, 82,948.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$8,303.

CRESCO.—Population 2,931.

Free public library. Sarah E. Brown, librarian; Mrs. Mary L. McHugh, president of board of trustees; Charles Pergler, secretary.

Library does not own a building.

Total number of volumes, 3,085. Circulation 1909, 8,708.

Basis of library tax levy, $\frac{3}{4}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$419.

DAVENPORT. Population 39,797.

Free public library. Grace D. Rose, librarian; Hon. C. M. Waterman, president of board of trustees; H. E. Downer, secretary; Mrs. J. J. Richardson, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost \$85,000. Furniture and equipment valued at \$15,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of \$75,000.

Library contains a small art exhibit of Braun reproductions of the old masters, loaned by the late Mr. W. C. Putnam.

Total number of volumes 31,000. Circulation in 1909, 158,430.

Basis of library tax levy, $\frac{1}{2}$ mill on the dollar; to be increased to $\frac{3}{4}$ mill for ensuing year. Total income from taxation in 1909, 11,496.

DENISON. Population 3,173.

Free public library. Grace E. Myers, librarian; W. A. McHenry, president of board of trustees; P. E. C. Lally, secretary; C. Tabor, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost \$12,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present \$18,000.

Total number of volumes, 5,632. Circulation 1909, 18,046.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{3}{4}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,663. A book fund of \$500 and an additional \$200 per year for the care of the school library.

DES MOINES. Population 75,626.

Free public library. Ella M. McLoney, librarian; J. G. Olmsted, president of board of trustees; J. B. Weaver, Jr., secretary.

Building erected 1889-1904. Cost \$300,000. Built by the city. Estimated valuation of property at present \$400,000.

Library contains an art gallery.

Total number of volumes 48,333. Circulation 1909, 145,809.

Basis of library tax levy, 1 3-10 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$23,674.

DEWITT. Population 1,508.

Free public library. Elsie Saxton, librarian; C. F. Kent, president of board of trustees; Miss Delia Rielley, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1907-1908. Cost \$6,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present \$10,000.

Total number of volumes 1,191. Circulation 1909, 8,555.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$650.

DUBUQUE. Population 41,941.

Carnegie-Stout free public library. Lillian B. Arnold, librarian; Jacob Rich, president of board of trustees; James M. McFadden, secretary; B. W. Lacy, chairman of book committee.

The Carnegie-Stout free public library, completed in October, 1902, was the joint gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, Mr. Frank D. Stout

and the citizens of Dubuque. Mr. Carnegie gave \$60,000, Mr. Stout the lot valued at \$17,000, and the citizens of Dubuque \$12,700. These gifts, together with the fund of \$10,000 accumulated from the old subscription library, make the entire cost of the building about \$100,000. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$117,000.

An art room has been furnished entirely by donations.

Total number of volumes 28,164. Public documents, 12,000 vols. Circulation 1909, 102,710.

Basis of library tax levy, one-third of a mill on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$8,201.93. During the year 1910 two bequests of \$1,000 each were received from the estates of Senator W. B. Allison and Mr. John B. Glover. No restrictions were placed on either bequest, and the interest or principle may be used for any library purpose at any time.

EAGLE GROVE. Population, 3,122.

Free public library. Mrs. B. Y. Miller, librarian; J. R. Smith, president of board of trustees; E. Schaffter, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$13,000.

Total number of volumes, 2,000. Circulation 1909, 7,532.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$715.

EDDYVILLE. Population, 1,127.

Free public library. Bessie Funk, librarian; Mrs. D. P. Guy, president of board of trustees; Mrs. H. J. Wing, secretary; Mrs. F. M. Epperson, chairman of book committee.

Library is located in the town hall. Donated by city.

Total number of volumes, 923. Circulation 1909, 2,084.

Basis of library tax levy, 1 mill on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$148.

ELDON. Population, 2,316.

Free public library. Jessie Alford, librarian; Mrs. Retta Myers, president of board of trustees; Mrs. Ella Hillis, secretary; Mrs. Retta Myers, chairman of book committee.

Library does not own a building.

Total number of volumes, 1,336. Circulation 1909, 8,329.

Total income from taxation in 1909, \$493.91.

ELDORA. Population, 2,278.

Free public library. Mrs. M. E. Wheelock, librarian; Stephen Whited, president of board of trustees; Mrs. James Nuckols, secretary; Rev. Stanley, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$15,000.

Small picture collection and museum in connection with the library.

Total number of volumes, 4,662. Circulation 1909, 12,493.

Basis of library tax levy, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,073.86. Steam heat is furnished free to the library by the city.

EMMETSBURG. Population, 2,542.

Free public library. Mrs. Josephine Darland, librarian; L. H. Mayne, president of board of trustees; Thyrza Watson, secretary; P. H. Donlan, chairman of book committee.

Library does not own a building.

Total number of volumes, 1,211. Circulation 1909, 5,415.

Total income from taxation in 1909, \$598.50.

ESTHERVILLE. Population, 3,650.

Free public library. Mrs. Sade M. Davidson, librarian; Mrs. D. R. Alexander, president of board of trustees; Mrs. E. W. Knight, secretary; Howard Espeset, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$12,000.

A museum has been started in connection with the library.

Total number of volumes, 4,839. Circulation 1909, 14,332.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$994.78.

FAIRFIELD. Population, 5,009.

Free public library. H. M. Dysart, librarian; R. J. Wilson, president of board of trustees; C. J. Fulton, secretary and chairman of book committee.

First building erected in the state as gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Cost, \$40,000. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$50,000.

One large room in library is entirely devoted to a museum. Especially notable is the collection known as the Byers collection of German and Swiss laces.

Total number of volumes, 22,232. Circulation 1909, 10,671.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,813.98. The library has an endowment of \$1,700; \$1,000 donated by Ward Lamson and \$700 by Mrs. M. M. Slagle, to be used for the purchase of books.

FOREST CITY. Population 1,665.

Free public library. Pearl M. Bahner, librarian; B. A. Plummer, president of board of trustees; James B. Anderson, secretary; B. J. Thompson, chairman of book committee.

Library erected 1899. Built by city. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$2,000.

Total number of volumes, 2,806. Circulation 1909, 7,867.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation 1909, \$526.

FORT DODGE. Population, 14,369.

Free public library. Charlotte E. Goetzmann, librarian; Captain Witter H. Johnston, president of board of trustees. No book committee appointed. Books are selected by president of board of trustees, librarian and first assistant librarian.

Building erected 1904. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, \$30,000; gift of citizens, \$13,055.44. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$48,500.

Total number of volumes, 13,717. Circulation 1909, 34,203.

Basis of library tax levy, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$3,738.

FORT MADISON. Population, 8,767.

Cattermole Memorial library. Rebecca Hesser, librarian and secretary; Dr. J. M. Casey, president of the board of trustees; Mrs. C. F. Wahrer, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1893. Cost, about \$25,000. Gift of Mrs. Carrie Cattermole as memorial to her husband, Mr. Henry Cattermole.

Total number of volumes, 6,777. Circulation 1909, 24,894.

Total income from taxation in 1909, \$2,466.20.

GALVA. Population, 500.

Free public library. Ida Ackert, librarian; F. Schleiter, president of board of trustees; Mrs. George Brown, secretary; Mrs. Thomas Hogan, chairman of book committee.

Total number of volumes, 658. Circulation 1909, 1,161.

The library is supported by an appropriation annually from the town council of from 15 to 20 per cent of the mulct tax.

GLENWOOD. Population, 2,505.

Free public library. Emma Beckman, librarian; H. S. Fleming, president of board of trustees; Mrs. W. F. Hill, secretary; Mrs. J. L. Bellatti, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1906-07. Cost, \$7,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$9,000.

Total number of volumes, 2,436. Circulation 1909, 6,838.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar. In ensuing year a levy of one-fifth of a mill will be made by Glenwood township. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$623.

GRINNELL. Population, 4,634.

Stewart public library. Stella L. Wiley, librarian; W. C. Rayburn, president of board of trustees; Mrs. W. S. Robey, secretary; Eugene Henely, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1901. Cost, \$15,000. Gift of Mr. Joel Stewart. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$25,000.

Total number of volumes, 9,100. Circulation 1909, 28,058.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,900.

GRUNDY CENTER. Population, 1,373.

Free public library. Established 1910. H. S. Beckman, president of board of trustees; Nellie M. Morrison, secretary.

Building to be erected in 1911. Approximate cost, \$6,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

Total number of volumes, 1,300, belonging to library association.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar.

HAMPTON. Population, 2,800.

Free public library. Helen L. Sweet, librarian; Col. L. B. Raymond, president of board of trustees; Dr. J. H. Hutchins, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904-05. Cost, \$11,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

HAWARDEN. Population, 2,019.

Free public library. Jennie P. Smith, librarian; Mrs. A. R. Barber, president of board of trustees and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost, \$5,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$6,000.

Total number of volumes, 1,884. Circulation 1909, 6,746.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$485.

HAWKEYE. Population, 535.

Free public library. Mrs. Laura J. Shales, librarian; W. H. Rogers, president of board of trustees; John Bopp, secretary.

The library is located in the town hall.

Total number of volumes, 2,000.

Basis of library tax levy, $\frac{1}{2}$ mill on the dollar, for support of library for two years. The town club gives an annual entertainment, the proceeds of which are donated to the library for the purchase of books.

HUMBOLDT. Population, 1,637.

Free public library. Grace Shellenberger, librarian; Clarence Messer, president of board of trustees; Edith Prouty, secretary; Miss M. G. Avery, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1908-09. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$11,500.

Total number of volumes, 1,503. Circulation 1909, 8,694.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,057.

INDEPENDENCE. Population, 3,838.

Free public library. Minnie Markham, librarian; M. W. Harmon, president of board of trustees; Miss Harriet Lake, secretary; B. W. Tabor, chairman of book committee.

Library is located in part of the Munson Industrial building. Gift of Mr. Perry Munson. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$20,000.

Total number of volumes, 4,829. Circulation 1909, 10,181.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,533.

INDIANOLA. Population, 3,396.

Free public library. Hannah M. Babb, librarian; George Perley, president of board of trustees; O. E. Smith, secretary; Prof. E. A. Jenner, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$12,000.

Total number of volumes, 5,656. Circulation 1909, 26,902.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,491.35.

IOWA CITY. Population, 8,497.

Free public library. Helen McRaith, librarian; George Hummer, president of board of trustees; S. K. Stevenson, secretary; J. W. Rich, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost, \$35,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$50,000.

Total number of volumes, 11,343, and Patterson collection, 769. Circulation 1909, 36,851.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$3,892.88. Library has received \$2,000 from W. J. Welch and wife for purchase of books to be known as Patterson Memorial collection, all of which has been so expended. In addition to the gift for books, Mr. Welch has donated steel shelving at a cost of about \$300.

IOWA FALLS. Population, 3,049.

Free public library. Mrs. Florence G. Anders, librarian; J. L. Farrington, president of board of trustees; J. L. Welden, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1905. Cost \$18,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, \$10,000; of Hon. E. S. Ellsworth, \$8,000. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$24,000.

A collection of Indian pottery and a case of mounted birds.

Total number of volumes, 3,882. Circulation 1909, 11,557.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,525.

JEFFERSON. Population, 2,456.

Free public library. Mrs. Ida B. Head, librarian; J. A. Henderson, president of board of trustees; E. H. Carter, secretary; E. S. Young, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903-04. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$11,500.

Total number of volumes, 4,300. Circulation 1909, 10,686.

Basis of library tax levy, 2½ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,233.

KEOKUK. Population, 14,604.

Free public library. Nannie P. Fulton, librarian; John E. Craig, president of board of trustees; W. J. Fulton, secretary; Benjamin B. Jewell, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1883. Cost, \$30,000. Gift of J. L. Rice of \$10,000; balance by citizens of Keokuk. Estimated valuation of building at present, \$30,000.

Total number of volumes, 19,150. Circulation 1909, 62,377.

Basis of library tax levy, 1.4 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$2,500.

LAKE CITY. Population, 2,400.

Free public library. Blanche I. Hackett, librarian; Dr. F. E. Kauffman, president of board of trustees; E. W. Townsend, secretary; Mrs. O. E. Brownell, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1910. Cost \$7,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present \$8,500.

Total number of volumes, 1,467. Circulation 1909, 3,832.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$659.

LAURENS. Population, 783.

Free public library. Mrs. E. C. Strain, librarian; Mrs. C. S. Allan, president of board of trustees; Mrs. George Harper, secretary; Mrs. J. P. Shoemaker, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1910. Cost, \$3,800. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$4,500.

Total number of volumes, 400.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$350.

LE MARS. Population, 5,041.

Free public library. Mae Smith, librarian; Mrs. P. F. Dalton, president of board of trustees; Mrs. E. T. Bedell, secretary; Mrs. E. H. Bush, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$12,500.

Total number of volumes, 5,476. Circulation 1909, 10,898.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,350.94.

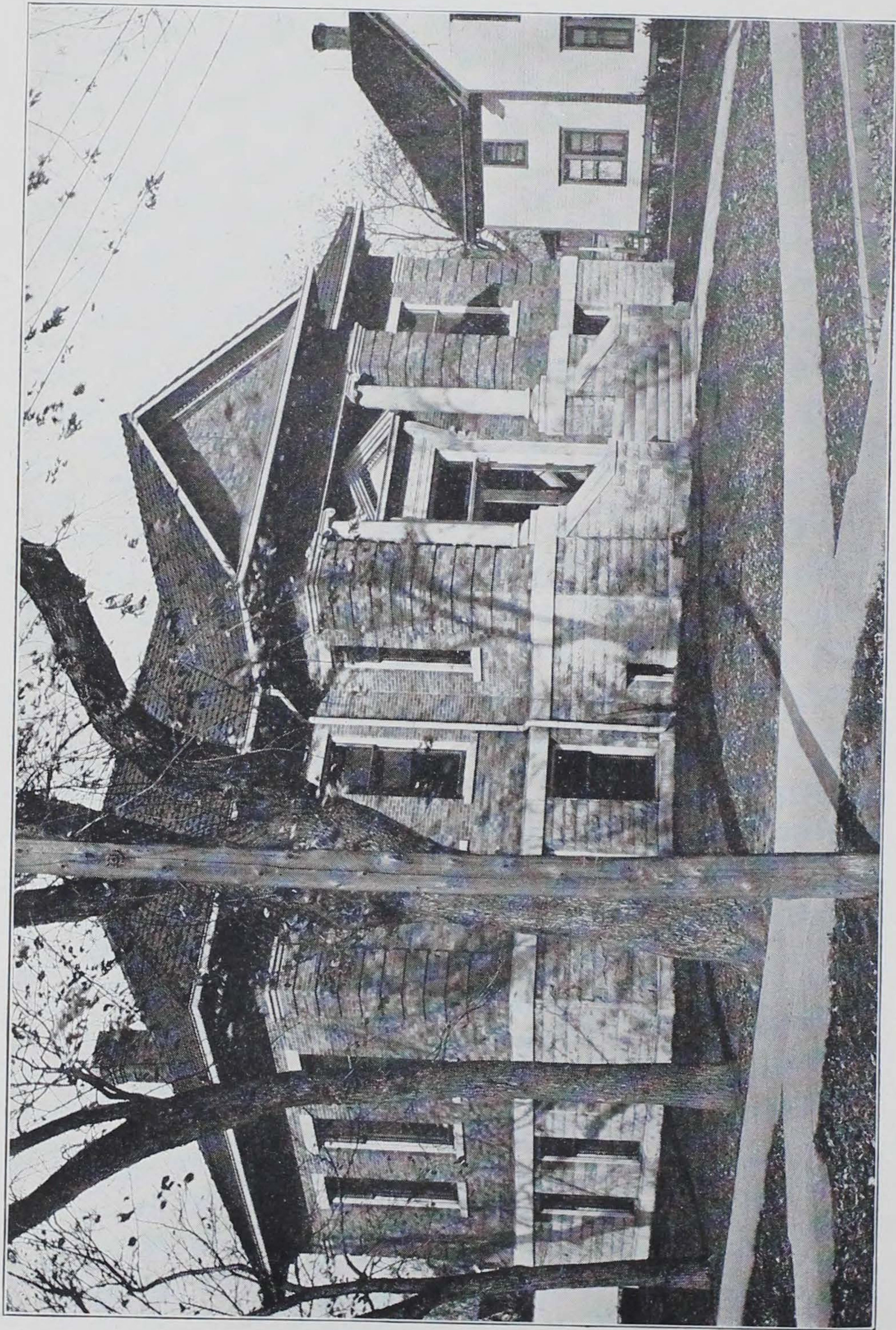
LEON. Population, 2,027.

Free public library. Sara C. Martin, librarian; V. R. McGinnis, president of board of trustees; Mrs. L. P. Sigler, secretary; Mrs. H. R. Layton, chairman of book committee.

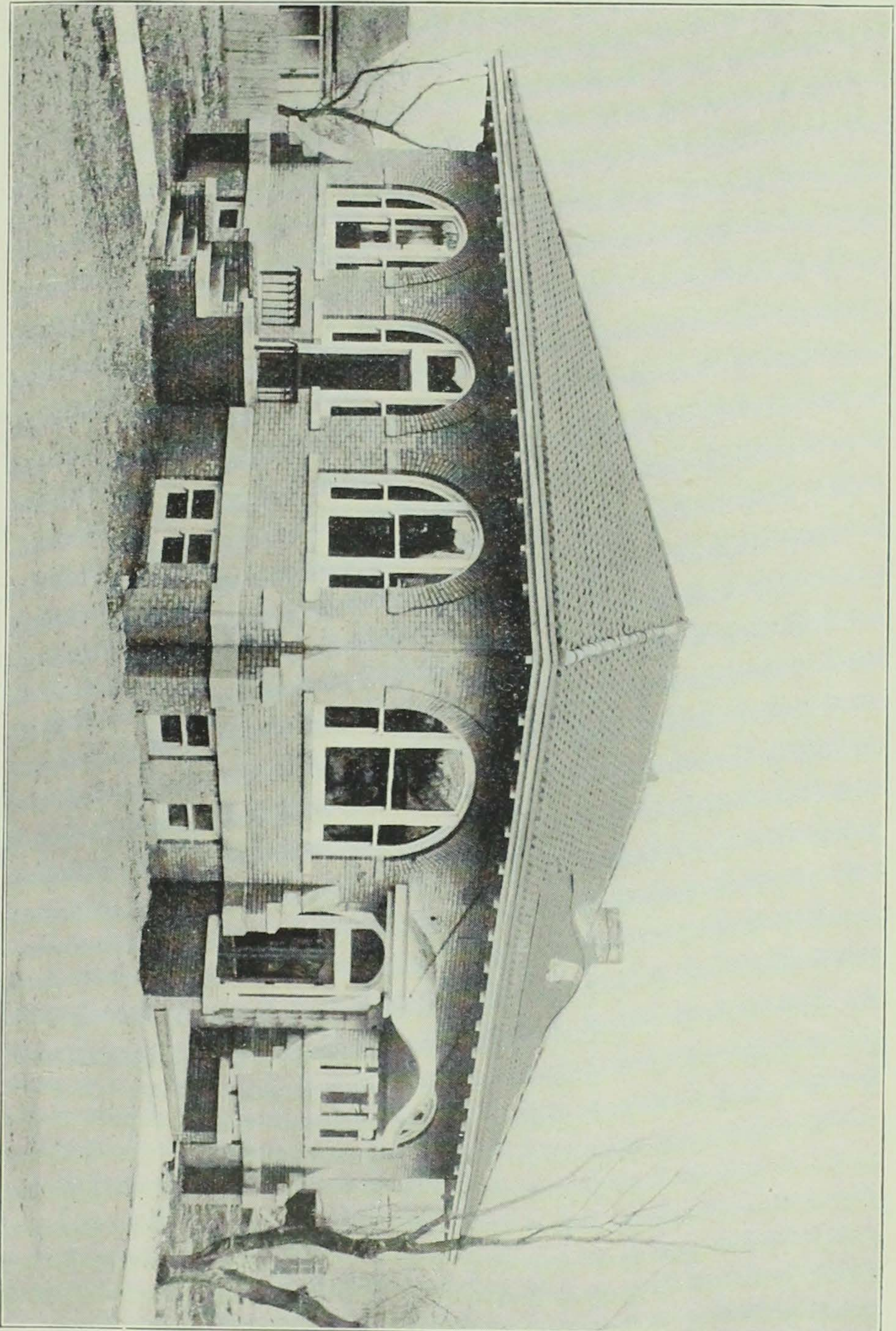
Building erected 1906. Cost, \$6,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$7,500.

Total number of volumes, 2,420. Circulation 1909, 6,980.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$600.



CLARION PUBLIC LIBRARY—MORGAN EVERTS BUILDING



WOODBINE PUBLIC LIBRARY--CARNEGIE BUILDING

MANCHESTER. Population, 2,978.

Free public library. Arabella C. Woods, librarian; J. C. Pierce, president of board of trustees; Rev. W. H. Ensign, secretary; Miss Idell Miles, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1902-3. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$14,000.

Total number of volumes, 5,074. Circulation 1909, 13,293.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{3}{8}$ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,376.

MAQUOKETA. Population, 3,666.

Free public library. Ida Simpson, librarian; W. C. Gregory, president of board of trustees; Mrs. Mary Gallagher, secretary; J. P. Gruwell, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost, \$12,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Lot donated by business men. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$15,800.

Total number of volumes, 7,887. Circulation 1909, 18,436.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,296.09.

The Boardman Reference library is a part of the free public library. It has an endowment of \$5,000. The income, which is used to purchase books and magazines, amounts to between \$250 and \$300 a year. This fund was a gift of Wm. C. Boardman, of Maquoketa.

MARENGO. Population, 2,072.

Free public library. Pearl Hamilton, librarian; M. A. Raney, president of board of trustees; C. H. Carson, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1905. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$12,000.

Total number of volumes, 2,962. Circulation 1909, 12,631.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$964.

MARION. Population, 4,112.

Free public library. Mabel Alexander, librarian; Dr. J. Moorhead, president of board of trustees; Mrs. C. N. Owen, secretary; Mrs. D. M. Parkhurst, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903-4. Cost, \$11,200. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present \$15,000.

Total number of volumes, 3,550. Circulation 1909, 10,979.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,312.

MARSHALLTOWN. Population, 12,045.

Free public library. Anna Maud Kimberly, librarian; C. H. E. Boardman, president of board of trustees; Mrs. H. H. Nichols, secretary; Rev. Wm. Pence James, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost, \$30,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present, \$37,000.

A museum in connection with library. Memorial to Hon. H. E. J. Boardman. Valuable collection from Dr. W. S. McBride.

Total number of volumes, 13,665. Circulation 1909, 47,714.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$3,800.

Library has one permanent bequest of \$500, the interest from which is added to the book fund. This was given by Mrs. Anna Negly Brown.

MASON CITY. Population, 8,357.

Free public library. Mrs. Anna H. Chapin, librarian; Miss Addie S. Barton, president of board of trustees; William E. Miller, secretary; Dr. C. E. Dakin, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost, \$30,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of \$20,000, and of the citizens of Mason City \$10,000. Estimated valuation of property at present \$34,000.

A small museum in connection with the library.

Total number of volumes, 9,100. Circulation 1909, 31,595.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$3,203.

MAXWELL. Population, 881.

Free public library. Effie E. Blosser, librarian; Dr. P. Joor, president of board of trustees; Mrs. H. J. Garlock, secretary; Dr. P. Joor, chairman of book committee.

Library does not own a building.

Total number of volumes, 1,116.

MISSOURI VALLEY. Population, 3,330.

Free public library. Mrs. M. J. Graybill, librarian; C. H. Deur, president of board of trustees; Mrs. Ella D. Heckert, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Library has received offer of \$10,000 from Mr. Andrew Carnegie and plans are under way for a building.

MONTICELLO. Population, 2,156.

Free public library. Nettie Hazard, librarian; C. J. Northrop, president board of trustees; Miss Nellie Carpenter, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost, \$12,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$16,000.

Total number of volumes, 4,212. Circulation 1909, 13,504.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,344.

Mt. PLEASANT. Population, 3,576.

Free public library. Mrs. Florence McKibbin, librarian; W. D. Worthington, president of board of trustees and chairman of book committee; C. S. Rogers, secretary.

Building erected 1904-05. Cost, \$12,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present, \$15,000.
Total number of volumes, 11,161. Circulation 1909, 20,119.
Basis of library tax levy, 2½ mills on the dollar. Total income from
taxation in 1909, \$1,732.

MUSCATINE. Population, 15,087.

P. M. Musser, public library. Mrs. E. L. Mahin, librarian; G. M. Titus, president of board of trustees; J. S. Van Lent, secretary; I. B. Richman, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1901-02. Cost, \$40,000. Gift of Mr. P. M. Musser.
Estimated valuation of property at present, \$45,000.
Total number of volumes, 11,859. Circulation 1909, 37,895.
Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from
taxation in 1909, \$5,552.

NASHUA. Population, 1,333.

Free public library. Fannie V. Eastman, librarian; Mrs. C. L. Putney, president of board of trustees; D. Patten, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1905. Cost, \$6,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present, \$8,000.
Total number of volumes, 2,600. Circulation 1909, 7,477.
Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from
taxation in 1909, \$417.

NEVADA. Population, 2,262.

Free public library. Kate E. Thompson, librarian; W. P. Payne, president board of trustees; E. M. McCall, secretary.

Building erected 1900. Built by the city, and gift of \$3,000 from Silliman estate. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$14,000.
A museum in connection with the library.
Total number of volumes, 6,100. Circulation 1909, 7,558.
Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar for maintenance, 1 mill for building. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,200.

NEW HAMPTON. Population, 2,362.

Free public library. Bessie Porter, Angeline J. Grimsby, Isabella E. Powers, librarians; Tim Donovan, president of board of trustees; A. F. Kemman, secretary; E. N. Olmsted, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1909-10. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present, \$12,000.
Total number of volumes, 2,021. Circulation 1909, 4,550.
Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from
taxation in 1909, \$949.

NEWTON. Population, 4,398.

Free public library. Mrs. Charlotte V. Bryant, librarian; W. O. McElroy, president of board of trustees; Mrs. O. C. Meredith, secretary; E. J. H. Beard, chairman of book committee.

FIFTH REPORT

Building erected 1902. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present, \$17,000.

Total number of volumes, 5,853. Circulation 1909, 17,061.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$2,130.

ODEBOLT. Population, 1,431.

Free public library. Lillian Hanson, librarian; Joseph Mattes, president of board of trustees; W. F. Day, secretary.

Building erected 1904. Cost, \$4,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. The lot, valued at \$500, was a gift of Mr. W. W. Field. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$4,800.

Total number of volumes, 2,121. Circulation 1909, 3,700.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$372. A bequest of \$2,500 from Mr. W. W. Field for book fund is invested at 5½ per cent.

ONAWA. Population, 2,061.

Free public library. Ellen I. True, librarian; Judge Addison Oliver, president of board of trustees; F. E. Lark, secretary; P. K. Holbrook, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1909. Cost, \$20,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of \$10,000, and of Judge Addison Oliver of \$10,000. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$25,000. Lot for building the gift of B. D. Holbrook and wife.

Total number of volumes, 6,483. Circulation 1909, 16,558.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,071.79. An endowment of \$10,000 for books, the gift of Judge Addison Oliver. The interest amounts to \$500 a year.

OSAGE. Population, 2,677.

Sage public library. Etta Westlake, librarian; Dr. W. H. Gable, president of board of trustees; Dr. G. E. Genung, secretary; Prof. H. E. LaRue, chairman of book committee.

Store building erected 1875. Cost, \$5,700. Gift of Mr. Sage of \$2,500. Remainder by city of Osage. Offer accepted of \$10,000 from Mr. Andrew Carnegie for new building.

Total number of volumes, 5,000. Circulation 1909, 14,530.

Basis of library tax levy, 1½ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$900.

OSCEOLA. Population, 2,717.

Free public library. Mrs. Emma H. Wilson, librarian; J. V. Banta, president of board of trustees; Miss Nellie Richards, secretary; M. L. Temple, chairman of book committee.

Library expects to occupy Carnegie building by May 1, 1911. Will cost \$10,000.

Total number of volumes, 521.

Basis of library tax levy, 2½ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,100.

OSKALOOSA. Population, 10,203.

Free public library. Mary E. Wheelock, librarian; John A. Kalbach, president of board of trustees; Mrs. R. D. Walton, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost, \$22,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$28,000.

There is a nucleus for local history collection and museum.

Total number of volumes, 9,600. Total circulation 1909, 36,186.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$3,445.32.

OTTUMWA. Population, 20,181.

Free public library. May B. Ditch, librarian; J. T. Hackworth, president board of trustees; S. P. Hartman, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1902. Cost, \$50,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. The city gave the grounds. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$70,000.

Total number of volumes, 26,900. Circulation 1909, 84,017.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$5,417. There is an income of \$200 a year from Peter Ballingall bequest.

PATON. Population, 381.

William Paton library. Mrs. W. S. Grant, librarian; C. P. Walker, president of board of trustees; W. S. Grant, secretary; K. C. Latta, chairman of book committee.

The library occupies a room owned by C. P. Walker, and rented at a nominal cost. Prior to April, 1910, W. A. Paton, who established the library in 1899, in memory of his father, Rev. William Paton, paid all expenses. At the spring election, 1910, the town voted to accept the gift of books and fixtures and to maintain the library.

Estimated valuation of furniture and shelving, \$250.

Total number of volumes, 1,723.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar.

PAULLINA. Population, 672.

Frothingham public library. Edith Weese, librarian; E. Lustfield, president of board of trustees and chairman of book committee; J. E. Ullman, secretary.

Building erected 1907. Cost, \$5,000. Gift of F. G. Frothingham of \$2,000; of citizens of Paullina, \$3,000. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$6,000. Used also as gymnasium.

Total number of volumes, 950.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$320.

PELLA. Population, 2,946.

Carnegie-Viersen library. Julia Van Zante, librarian; R. R. Beard, president of board of trustees; H. P. Scholte, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1907. Cost, \$11,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present \$20,000.

Total number of volumes, 4,756. Circulation 1909, 18,872.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,200. Miss S. H. Viersen gave \$6,000 before the library opened for the purchase of books and also donated the lot.

PERRY. Population, 4,173.

Free public library. Flora B. Bailey, librarian; Mrs. L. A. French, president of board of trustees; F. B. Hoeye, secretary; Mrs. P. C. Rude, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$14,000.

Total number of volumes, 4,273. Circulation 1909, 14,480.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,349.

RED OAK. Population, 4,907.

Free public library. Sarah Palmer, librarian; Hon. H. E. Deemer, president of board of trustees; Mrs. F. J. Brodby, secretary; Mrs. M. E. Fisher, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1909. Cost, \$12,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$15,000.

Total number of volumes, 2,410. Circulation 1909, 15,548.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,172.

There is a \$2,000 endowment for reference book fund from C. H. Lane, a former resident, as a memorial to his son, H. G. Lane.

ROCK RAPIDS. Population, 1,779.

Free public library. Mrs. M. E. Baxter, librarian; H. B. Pierce, president of board of trustees; Mrs. T. K. Bradley, secretary; Mrs. E. C. Roach, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1902. Cost, \$4,000. Gift of O. P. Miller and J. K. P. Thompson estate. Building formerly People's Church, was remodeled for library in 1909. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$7,000.

Total number of volumes, 4,439. Circulation 1909, 9,207.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,050.

ROCKWELL CITY. Population, 1,364.

Free public library. Mrs. F. H. Allan, librarian and chairman of book committee; M. W. Frick, president of board of trustees; I. E. Dougherty, secretary.

Building erected 1909. Cost, \$8,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present, \$11,500.
Total number of volumes, 1,181. Circulation 1909, 5,402.
Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$781.

SANBORN. Population, 1,270.

Free public library. Irene McNeill, librarian; Mrs. M. M. Burns, president of board of trustees; Mrs. J. A. Johnson, secretary and chairman of book committee.
Library does not own a building.
Total number of volumes, 1,768. Circulation 1909, 5,997.
Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$383.

SHELDON. Population, 2,564.

Free public library. Mrs. B. F. McCormack, librarian; S. S. Bailey, president of board of trustees; Walter P. Barrager, secretary; Mrs. W. L. Ayres, chairman of book committee.
Building erected 1908-09. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present, \$13,700.
Total number of volumes, 3,900. Circulation 1909, 9,018.
Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,600, including 1½ mill tax from improvement fund.

SHENANDOAH. Population, 4,242.

Free public library. M. Berdena Jay, librarian; A. W. Murphy, president of board of trustees; Miss Carrie H. Lake, secretary and chairman of book committee.
Building erected 1905. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.
Estimated valuation of property at present, \$12,700.
Total number of volumes, 4,393. Circulation 1909, 21,315.
Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,393.

SIBLEY. Population, 1,464.

Free public library. Mrs. C. E. Hanchett, librarian; E. M. Taylor, president of board of trustees; Mrs. T. S. Redmond, secretary; R. M. Hunter, chairman of book committee.
Building donated by G. A. R.
Library tax voted in fall of 1909.

SIoux CITY. Population, 40,952.

Free public library. Jeannette M. Drake, librarian; Mrs. Melida Pappe, president of board of trustees and chairman of book committee; Dr. John P. Savage, secretary.
Library is located in city office building.
Total number of volumes, 34,030.
Basis of library tax levy, 1 mill on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$13,649 (approximately).

SPENCER. Population, 3,137.

Free public library. Mrs. Annie L. Duble, librarian; Mrs. Margaret A. Steele, president of board of trustees; Mrs. Mary C. Cory, secretary; A. H. Avery, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904-05. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$15,000.

Total number of volumes, 4,347. Circulation 1909, 10,679.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$925.

SPIRIT LAKE. Population, 1,241.

Free public library. Minnie E. Stowe, librarian; A. W. Osborne, president of board of trustees; Dr. C. S. Shultz, secretary; Mrs. W. F. Carlton, chairman of book committee.

Does not own a building but owns the site for one and has offer from Mr. Carnegie for building.

Total number of volumes, 1,150. Circulation 1909, 4,227.

Basis of library tax levy, 1½ mills on the dollar, to be increased to 2 mills in ensuing year. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$375.

STORM LAKE. Population, 2,339.

Free public library. Ethelyn Bailie, librarian; Prof. E. F. Blayney, president of board of trustees; H. H. Steffen, secretary; Mrs. F. F. Faville, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1906. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present \$12,500.

Total number of volumes, 2,020. Circulation 1909, 8,089.

Basis of library tax levy, 1½ mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$894.

STUART. Population, 2,046.

Free public library. Kathryne McMullin, librarian; C. A. Ostrander, president board of trustees; Mrs. Chas. McCrae, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1908. Cost, \$6,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$7,500.

Total number of volumes, 2,250. Circulation 1909, 8,091.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$679.

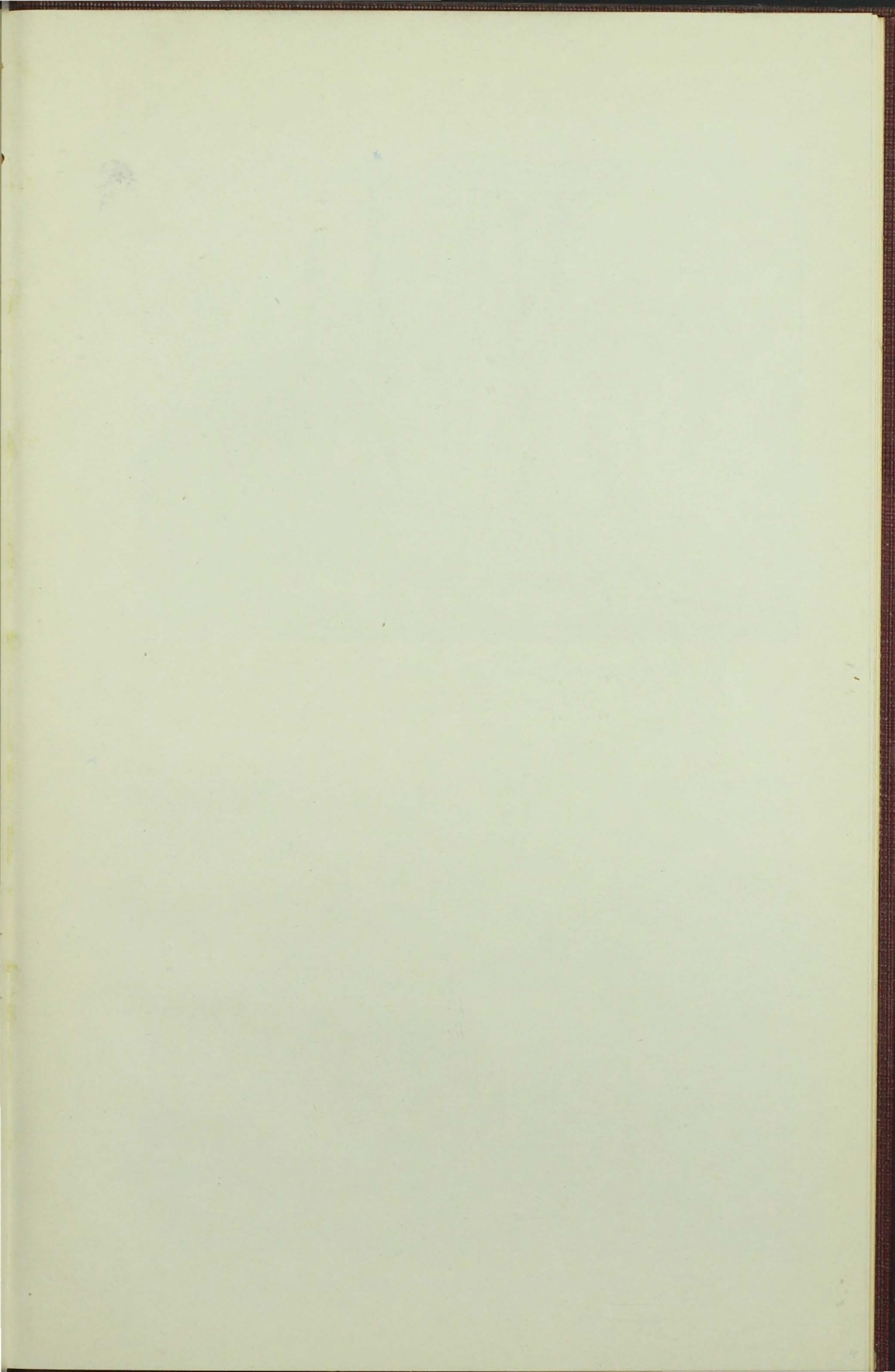
TAMA. Population, 2,412.

Free public library. Mrs. F. A. Chase, librarian; J. E. Gould, president of board of trustees; C. J. Womser, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1906-07. Cost, \$8,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$9,500.

Total number of volumes, 2,935. Circulation 1909, 9,258.

Basis of library tax levy, 1 mill on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$386.

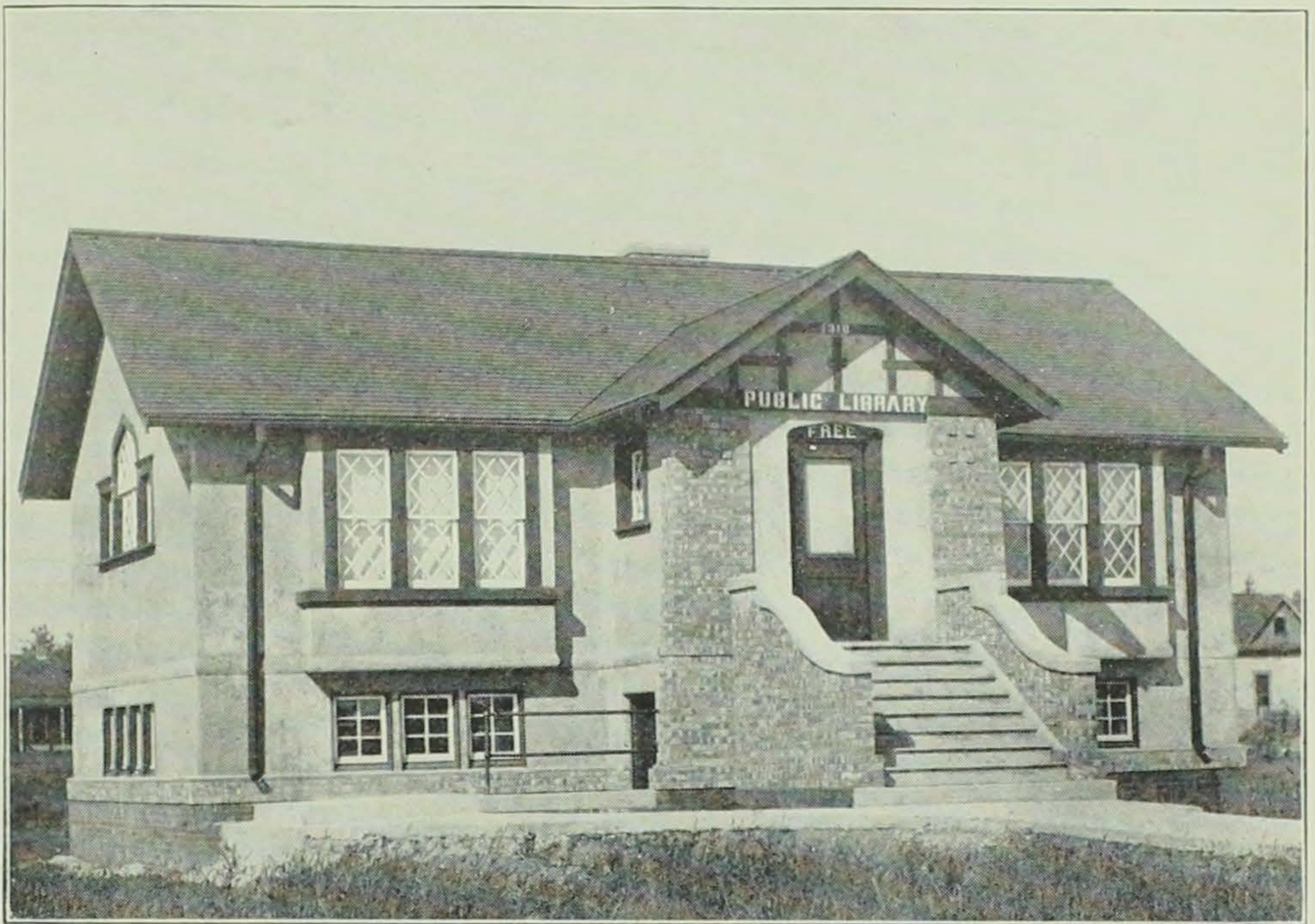




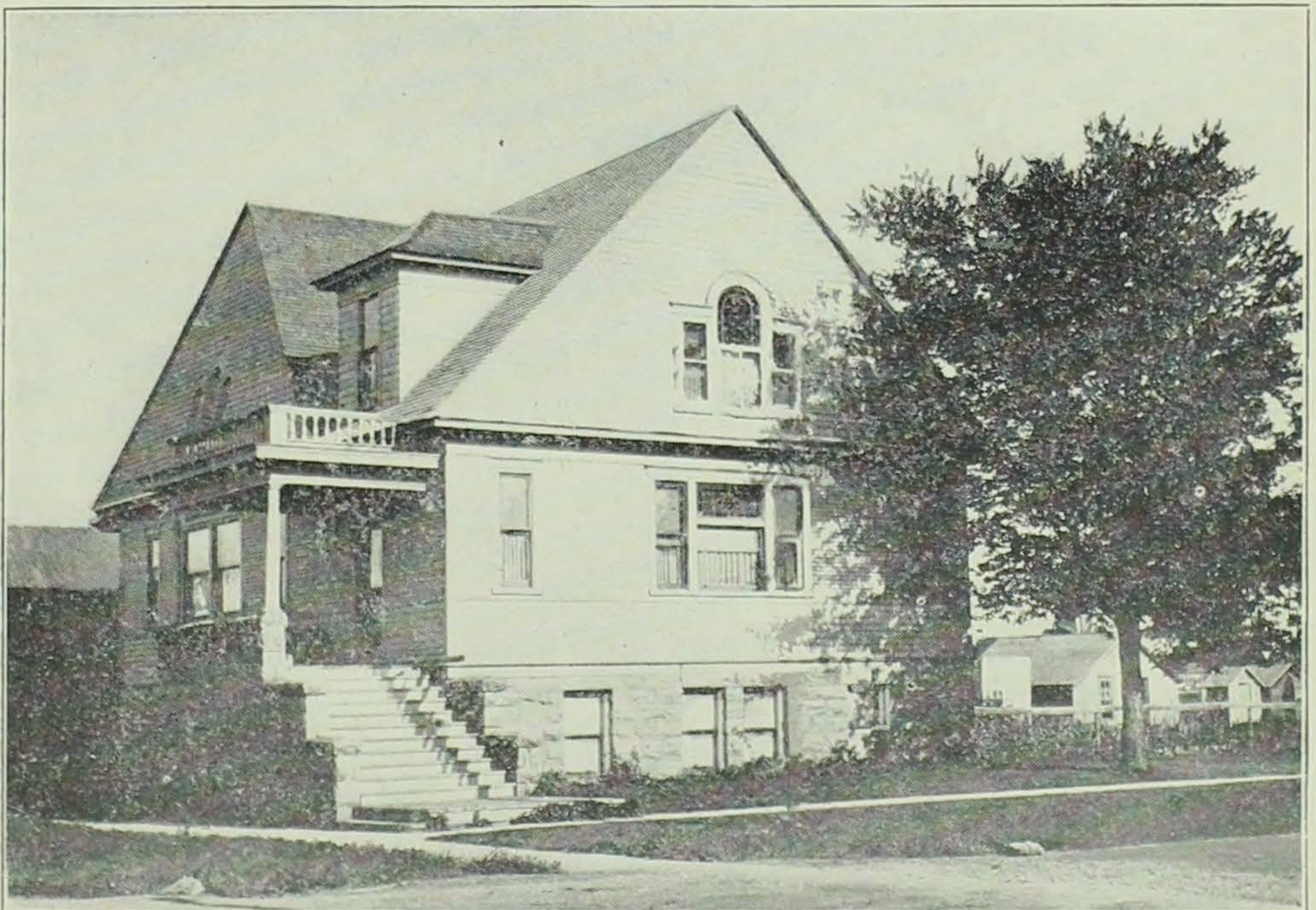
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TIPTON. Population, 2,125.

Free public library. Flora Milligan, librarian; W. N. Treichler, president board of trustees; Mrs. Sherman Yates, secretary and chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1903. Cost \$13,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of \$10,000; the balance was given by patrons of the library. The grounds, comprising an entire block, were donated by the county for library purposes. Estimated valuation of building at present, \$15,000.

Total number of volumes, 4,200. Circulation 1909, 9,240.

Basis of library tax levy, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar. From time to time an extra levy is made for such an amount as is necessary for improvement, which fund is called the Improvement Fund. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,408. Rural extension work was begun in the spring of 1910, one township paying a tax of $1\frac{1}{2}$ mills.

VILLISCA. Population, 2,180.

Free public library. Frankie J. Barker, librarian; Mrs. Mary B. Alger, president of board of trustees and chairman of book committee; Mrs. B. C. Hullinger, secretary.

Cost of building, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$12,000.

Total number of volumes, 2,912. Circulation, 1909, 15,110.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$963.

VINTON. Population, 3,487.

Free public library. Elizabeth F. Williams, librarian; Judge Gilchrist, president of board of trustees; J. E. Marietta, secretary; Miss Carrie Knox, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1902. Cost, \$12,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. The lot, valued at \$3,500, was the gift of Cornelius Ellis and William C. Ellis. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$16,000.

Total number of volumes, 7,160. Circulation 1909, 17,120.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,556.

WASHINGTON. Population, 4,489.

Jane Chilcote public library. Eva G. Denny, librarian; H. A. Burrell, president of board of trustees; Mrs. Orville Elder, secretary; C. H. Keck, chairman of book committee.

The library has occupied, since 1901, the home of Mrs. Jane A. Chilcote, which was bequeathed by her for that purpose; estimated value, \$12,000.

Total number of volumes, 7,388. Circulation 1909, 14,648.

Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,525.55.

WATERLOO. Population, 18,071.

Free public library. Fanny Duren, librarian; H. M. Reed, president of board of trustees; Carlton Sias, secretary; Dr. Margaret Clark, chairman of book committee.

The Waterloo library occupies two buildings owned by the city. These were erected in 1905; cost, \$45,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$56,000.

Total number of volumes, 17,465; Div. A, 9,583; Div. B, 7,882. Circulation 1909, 73,488.

Basis of library tax levy, 1.2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$9,541.

WAVERLY. Population, 3,353.

Free public library. Mrs. M. B. Whitmire, librarian; Dr. C. H. Graening, president of board of trustees and chairman of book committee; Miss Bessie Hodges, secretary.

Building erected 1904. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$12,200.

Total number of volumes, 3,911. Circulation 1909, 7,257.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,200.

WEBSTER CITY. Population, 4,797.

Kendall Young library. E. D. Burgess, librarian, secretary and chairman of book committee; F. D. Young, president of board of trustees.

Building erected 1905. Cost, \$50,000; provided by bequest of Mr. Kendall Young. The income from the estate, valued at \$200,000 is used for the support of the library, no tax being required from the city for maintenance.

WEST BRANCH. Population, 657.

Enlow public library. Golda Branson, librarian; G. C. Hoover, president of board of trustees; Dr. W. N. Munger, secretary; Mrs. Will Gray, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1904. Mrs. Hulda Enlow donated \$2,000. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$2,600.

Total number of volumes, 1,506. Circulation 1909, 5,625.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$377.

WEST LIBERTY. Population, 1,623.

Free public library. Mrs. Eva Ball, librarian; Robert Brooke, president of board of trustees; J. T. Hollingworth, secretary; Maude Smith, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1906. Cost, \$7,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$10,000.

Total number of volumes, 3,607. Circulation 1909, 11,013.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$823.

WINTERSET. Population, 2,956.

Free public library. Mary Cassidy, librarian; E. E. McCall, president of board of trustees; W. J. Cornell, secretary; Mrs. J. A. Guiher, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1905. Cost, \$10,000. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$14,000.

Total number of volumes, 8,000. Circulation 1909, 15,599.

Basis of library tax levy, 3 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$1,706.

WOODBINE. Population, 1,507.

Free public library. Miss Maud Van Scoy, librarian; M. A. Reed, president of board of trustees; G. N. Young, secretary; F. L. Hupp, chairman of book committee.

Building erected 1909-10. Cost, \$7,500. Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Estimated valuation of property at present, \$10,000.

Total number of volumes, 1,350.

Basis of library tax levy, 2 mills on the dollar. Total income from taxation in 1909, \$785. Tax levy by Boyer Township amounting to about \$200.

ASSOCIATION AND SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARIES

	PLACE	NAME OF ORGANIZATION
1	Afton	Acorn Library Association
2	Alden	Public Library Association
3	Anthon	Public Library Association
4	Audubon	Columbian Club Library
5	Avoca	Public Library Association
6	Belle Plaine	Public Library Association
7	Clear Lake	Public Library Association
8	Correctionville	Public Library Association
9	Corydon	Public Library Association
10	Creston	Public School Library
11	Decorah	Public Library Association
12	Delmar	Public Library Association
13	Dunlap	Fortnightly Club Library
14	Exira	Thursday Club Library
15	Garden Grove	Public Library Association
16	Garner	Ladies' Library Association
17	Greene	Public Library Association
18	Hornick	Public Library Association
19	Ida Grove	Public Library Association
20	Kiron	B. Y. P. U. Public Library
21	Knoxville	Public Library Association
22	LaPorte City	W. C. T. U. Library Association
23	Lynnville	Public Library Association
24	Lyons	Y. M. C. A. Library
25	Macedonia	Public Library Association
26	Manson	School & Public Library
27	Northwood	Public Library Association
28	Norwalk	Public Library Association
29	Parkersburg	Public Library Association
30	Postville	Public Library Association
31	Preston	Public Library Association
32	Redfield	Public Library Association
33	Sac City	Public Library Association
34	Salem	Public Library Association
35	Seymour	Public Library Association
36	Sumner	Culture Club Library
37	Sutherland	Gen. N. M. Baker Library
38	Traer	Public Library Association
39	Trenton	Public Library Association
40	Wellman	Public Library Association
41	What Cheer	Thursday Club Library
42	Wilton	Public Library Association

